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COMFORT EDITORIAL

THOUGHTS THAT BREATHE AND WORDS THAT BURN

A Sixth Part of the Total Annual Earnings of the American People Goes to Pay Taxes

THE high and continually rising cost of government reflected in ever increasing tax burdens is a greater and more vicious factor in keeping up the high cost of living than is generally understood. Government expenditures and taxes statistically expressed in millions and billions of dollars are incomprehensible except to financial experts, but when it is explained that a simple analysis of statistics shows that it takes one-sixth of the American people's total annual earnings from labor and capital combined to pay their National, State, county, municipal and other local taxes for the year, the citizen of ordinary intelligence begins to get an idea of the relatively high cost of government in this country. But unless he also does a little careful thinking he will not grasp the broad significance of the explanation so as to derive an approximate conception of the extent to which this oppressive burden affects him personally.

If taxes absorb one-sixth of the total production of the nation it is obvious that the average individual tax burden must amount to one-sixth of the average individual income. At first thought it might seem that this average tax ratio has little if any application to a large part of the community because many of our tax laws are avowedly designed to bear heavily on corporations and wealthy individuals while distinctly favoring or entirely exempting persons of small means or moderate incomes. But such an objection is, in the main, fallacious because of the inevitable tendency of all taxes, on whatsoever or whomsoever laid and assessed, to distribute themselves on the entire population. Of course taxes bear more heavily on some than on others, and it is said that everybody is by nature a tax-dodger, but none can by any possibility avoid carrying a considerable portion of the cost of government. Let nobody in blissful but benighted ignorance lay to his selfish soul the flattering unctious that he escapes taxation even if his income is within the legal exemption and he owns no taxable property; though not assessed a visible tax he pays an invisible one at every turn, and does not know it.

Like freight rates and rent, taxes are no small element in the cost of production and distribution of raw materials and finished products, and, of course, have to be covered by the selling price of the article. Thus, as a rule, the taxes paid by the producer, the railroad, the wholesaler and the retailer are passed on to the ultimate consumers; thus distributed these are among the many invisible taxes that we pay in our daily transactions.

It is regrettable that the precise amounts and various kinds of invisible taxes aggregated and included in the selling price of every article can not be brought distinctly to the purchaser's attention so that by a very simple process of figuring every voter might know the exact total of his or her forced contribution, direct and indirect, to the support of the National, State, county, municipal or other form of local government. I venture the opinion that, if such were the case, a very large number of citizens who now labor under the delusion that, because they pay little or no direct tax, they are tax-exempt, and therefore are indifferent to or recklessly favor large, extravagant appropriations and expenditures of public funds on the theory that the increased burden of taxation will fall on the corporations and wealthy individuals, would be shocked into a rude awakening from their complacency and see that it is to their interest to demand rational economy in all the various governmental functions.

Visible taxes levied on the people are unpopular because everybody knows when he pays and just how much. The people raised a tremendous howl against the war taxes on retail sales of ice cream cones, soda fountain drinks, proprietary remedies, toilet articles and certain so-called luxuries in the clothing line, and consequently these visible, direct taxes were the first of the war taxes to be abolished. "Tax the corporations," they say.

But where do the corporations get the money to pay their taxes? Railroad, street railroad, telephone, electric light, gas and all other public service companies must necessarily get the money for their taxes from their patrons, most of whom do not stop to think that this invisible item has to be included in the rate bill. It has already been explained that manufacturing and commercial enterprises have to make prices to cover taxes. A large part of the taxes must necessarily be passed on to the ultimate consumer and, of course, everybody tries to pass on as much of his taxes as possible. If all taxes in this country were passed on and distributed to the entire population it would mean that every person expending his entire income would pay out one-sixth of it for invisible taxes.

Although just what portion of the total taxes is passed on and distributed has not been, and probably can not be, definitely determined, it is known to be large, so large as to constitute an important factor in keeping prices up because it keeps costs up. It behooves every voter, regardless of whether he or she is taxed directly, to take a resolute stand against lavish or unnecessary appropriations of public money and to demand of Senators, Congressmen, members of State legislatures and municipal councils strict governmental economy with an aim to lower taxes.

President Harding's Success in Reducing the Cost of Government

With our entrance into the World War the Federal Government indulged in an orgy of reckless extravagance and wastefulness which outlasted the war and continued, though at a slower pace, until halted by President Harding through his clean-up and reorganization of the administrative departments and his application of the executive brake to keep appropriations by Congress within the reasonable needs of the country and the available resources of the treasury. During the war appropriations were made regardless of revenue and the enormous deficits were met by the billions of dollars obtained by the sale of Liberty Bonds, Treasury Certificates and War Savings Stamps, and as a result our national debt has grown to twenty-three billions and it takes about a billion a year to pay the interest. It was difficult to wean the departments and Congress from their war-time habit of running the country in debt by spending in excess of the revenues, and, although the departments have been curbed, Congress still manifests a disposition to persist in its bad habit which has been checked in some instances only by President Harding's exercise of the veto power. However, with the able assistance of Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon, the present administration has reduced the "budget" (proposed expenditures of the Federal Government) for the coming year to about three billion dollars, a sum which, large as it is, can be fully met by the present revenues, so that there will be no increase in Federal taxes or national debt unless Congress should upset the program by increasing the proposed appropriations or adding others, which certain Senators and Congressmen apparently purpose to attempt. If they succeed it will result in raising taxes, already burdensome, or piling up additional debt and a bigger interest account.

After the interest item, previously mentioned, the next largest in the "budget" is four hundred and forty millions for the Veterans' Bureau (care of disabled soldiers and their dependents). Some of the other large items are: three hundred forty-five millions for reduction of debt; three hundred twenty-six millions for War Department, including Panama Canal; three hundred sixteen millions for Department of Interior, including the Pension Bureau and certain public works; two hundred ninety-six millions for Navy Department. About two-thirds of the three billions required to pay the government's bills the coming year is expense entailed by the World War. The total

expenditures of the Government for 1916, the year before the war, amounted to seven hundred and sixty millions. Compare this with the four hundred and sixty millions interest bill and the four hundred and millions for the Veterans' Bureau.

Tax-Exempt Securities Have Grown to Troublesome Proportions

Indulging in a like riot of prodigality, States, counties, cities and other political subdivisions have added enormously to their debt as interest charges and have largely increased the taxes. The discouraging feature is that these check this vicious tendency have not received much popular support and therefore have been attended with little or no success. Most of the numerous proposed schemes involving increased expenditures of public money receive the approval and support of those who, in their ignorance of the working of the economic law which distributes public burdens through the invisible taxes, believe that they will share the expected benefit without contributing to defray the cost. As any official who dares to advocate economy or retrenchment makes himself unpopular while a demagogue who favors extravagance gets the votes. Also in the general tendency of high taxes to discourage enterprise, depress business and retard prosperity is a flare-back that affects all it is given too little attention by many members of the community.

The enormous growth of State and county debts has resulted in the issue of billions of dollars of tax-exempt State, county, city, town and district bonds. Each State has the power to issue all such bonds issued for public purposes by authority, not only from State and local taxes within its borders, but also from taxation by a Federal Government wherever owned or held, that these securities are nowhere subject to U. S. income tax. The States make full use of the tax-exempting power because it enables them to their political subdivisions to borrow money at a very low rate of interest, in some instances lower than the interest rate of Liberty Bonds. Large holdings of the latter (except those of a first issue) are subject to surtaxes. These proof bonds are eagerly sought (as they are signed to be) by cautious investors who regard perfect security with absolute exemption from taxes as preferable to larger interest yield subject to taxation and attended with an uncertain degree of business risk. From the standpoint of the conservative investor as well as from that of the States there are legitimate arguments in justification of the issuance of reasonable amounts of the favored class of securities. But serious trouble has resulted from the thing having been done.

The following are some of the evil consequences that are being felt. Throughout the country it is retarding industrial and commercial development by absorbing billions of dollars of idle capital needed for, and which otherwise would be forced to seek investment in, business enterprises; and the vast amount of capital thus absorbed, being tax-exempt, increases the tax burden borne by capital actively employed in business and industry, which acts as a further discouragement to investment in enterprises exposed not only to business risks but also to high and rising taxes.

In order to check this abuse of the tax-exempting power by the States, on recommendation of President Harding and Secretary Mellon a resolution has been introduced in Congress proposing a Constitutional amendment to prohibit the further issuance of tax-exempt securities. Mr. Mellon expresses the opinion that such a restraint is necessary not only for the national welfare but also to protect the States from being loaded with excessive debts by the reckless action of their legislatures.

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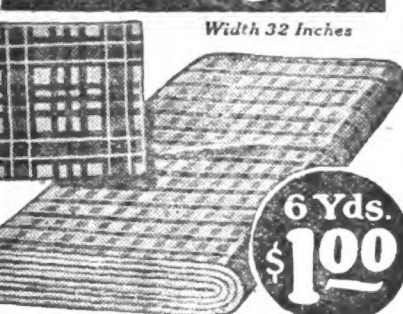
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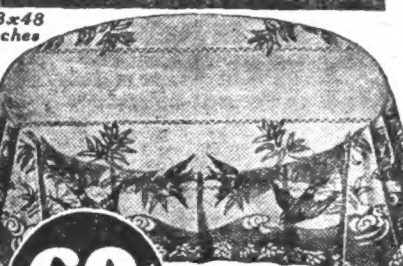
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Mr. Coolidge leaned back in his chair, and laughed heartily.



She did not feel particularly drawn toward either Mrs. Coolidge or her eldest daughter.



She would have fallen had she not been quickly caught and upheld by a strong arm.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Brownie Douglas, waiting at Memorial Hall, Centennial Exposition, Philadelphia, is joined by her friend, Annapolis Huntington, a wealthy Baltimore belle, who meets with a slight accident in her dress, attracting the attention of two gentlemen, Adrian Dredmond, an Englishman, and Mr. Gordon who recognizes Brownie, she being an intimate friend of his sister. Her father, dying before she is born, and her mother at her birth, she is adopted by her great aunt, who gives her her name Mehetabel and brings her up to remember she is a direct descendant from the Scottish nobility. Her nurse calls her Brownie from the first. Adrian Dredmond, stepping upon something, picks up a costly cuff button with a large D, studded with brilliants, and the word "Brownie" in finest letters upon the back. That night Miss Mehetabel Douglas tells Brownie the story of her life, her betrothal to Lord Dunforth, the ball given by Helen Capel's aunt, Lady Ruxley, her introduction to Count de Lussan, a man of questionable reputation, her refusal to cancel a dance at Lord Dunforth's command, Helen Capel's treachery in suppressing a note, her serious illness, her coming to America, where her father and mother soon died. She gives Brownie her jewels, including her engagement ring, coral cross and all other gifts from Lord Dunforth, and when she is gone she requests her to take the chain and key from her neck and wear it as long as she lives. That night she dies and upon the reading of the will that night she dies and upon the reading of the will, Mr. Conrad, who has the care of her aunt's property, admits using and losing money entrusted to him, leaving Brownie, after all debts and legacies to the servants are paid, two hundred dollars. Refusing Mr. Conrad's offer to relieve her from anxiety and have her home with him or go with Miss Huntington as her companion, she secures employment in New York, wiring hats. The work hard, she is helped by Mattie Burnham who wins her love and together in the public library Brownie, reading to her in French, attracts the attention of an elderly gentleman who kindly asks if she is a teacher and speaks any other language. Learning she is musical would she be persuaded to teach. If the opportunity presented itself she would and mentions Ware and Coolidge where she is employed. His card, given to her, bears the name of Wm. H. Alcott, M. D.

CHAPTER IX.

CHANGE OF OCCUPATION.

THE next day but one, while Brownie was trying her utmost to do her allotted task and get out of the factory an hour earlier, that she might slip down to the reading-room and finish that little French romance in which she had been so deeply interested, Miss Walton came to her and told her, in her grim, curt way, that she was wanted in the office.

Somewhat disturbed by this unexpected summons, she laid aside her work, removed her dainty white apron, then, with heightened color, but a dignified mien, she bent her steps toward the room where she had been received upon her arrival, and which she had not entered since.

Upon opening the door, she was surprised to find sitting, in confidential communication with Mr. Coolidge, Mr. Alcott, the gentleman whose acquaintance she had made in the reading-room two evenings previous.

She bowed slightly to him, and then turned to Mr. Coolidge, who had arisen as she entered, and now greeted her in courteous tones.

"My father-in-law, Mr. Alcott, Miss Douglas," he said, by way of introduction, and Brownie now understood his start of surprise when she gave him her address.

"Be seated, Miss Douglas, if you please," her employer continued, placing a chair for her.

She sat down and folded her little hands in her lap. Both gentlemen noticed her ladylike and self-possessed demeanor, and inwardly commented upon it.

"Miss Douglas, Mr. Alcott has done nothing but rehearse your accomplishments since his meeting with you night before last," said Mr. Coolidge, with an affable smile.

"If what he says is true," the gentleman continued, "and I have no doubt it is, since he is amply qualified to judge, this factory is no place for you."

Was she to be turned away on account of her little knowledge?

"One can not always control one's circumstances, sir," she said quietly.

"True; I understand you, Miss Douglas. But it may be in the power of others to control them for you in a measure. Now, I have a proposal to make to you. If I understood Mr. Alcott correctly, you would like to teach?"

"Indeed, I should like it very much, sir."

"Very well. My family contemplate going abroad in about one week; the steamer sails the tenth, I believe. We have been trying for several weeks to find some person competent to superintend the education of my two younger daughters, and act as a sort of companion and interpreter for them during their travels. Now, will you accept this position and accompany us to Europe?"

"How long do you contemplate remaining abroad?" Brownie asked, after a few moments spent in thought, and greatly surprised at this offer.

"A year, at least; probably longer, if the girls and their mother enjoy it."

"How old are your daughters, Mr. Coolidge?"

"Viola is sixteen, Alma is fourteen. I have another who is twenty, but I believe she considers her education completed, although I think she said something about studying the languages a little more while she is abroad."

"Have the young ladies completed any course as yet?" Brownie asked, wishing to know something of their attainments before deciding.

"No; I regret to say, they have not. Their mother was unwilling they should attend any public institution, so they have had private teach-

ers, and I am afraid they have not improved their advantages as they should have done."

"Indeed, they have not!" exclaimed Mr. Alcott excitedly. "They have behaved shamefully about it, and are a couple of ignoramuses."

Brownie laughed as he said this, then asked: "And do you think, sir, that I am capable of instructing them, if older and wiser teachers have failed?"

"Young lady, when you were reading French to me the other evening, I was not impressed wholly by your pronunciation. No; there was a ring of decision in your tones, there was a look of character and firmness in your face, that told me you would not fail to make a first-class teacher," said the old gentleman with emphasis.

"Your very youthfulness may help you to win where the others have failed. And as I told you, it is not altogether an instructress that we want, but a refined and genial companion, and an interpreter also, for none of the family are able to converse fluently in foreign languages," said Mr. Coolidge.

Sixteen and fourteen! They were trying ages—just the time when girls loved fun and frolic better than anything else in the world.

Was she competent to take charge of them and direct their studies?

She longed to accept the position, she longed to go abroad and visit those old countries so fraught with interest, poetry and romance, and where her aunt had lived and suffered so much. But the responsibility! Would it be right for her to assume it? Would she be able to influence these young girls aright?

"Mr. Coolidge," she said, when she had thought of all these things, "I will tell you frankly that I would like this position which you are so kind to offer me, more than I can express, but I am only eighteen years of age myself, and I do not really feel whether I am competent to direct the education of your daughters or not. The other duties, I think, I could fulfill satisfactorily."

"Have you ever completed a regular course of study?" asked Mr. Alcott.

"Yes, sir; a thorough course. I graduated from the high school before I was sixteen, and I have since taken a two years' classical course," replied Brownie.

"You'll do, then," said the old man, with a contented nod of his head.

He was very much interested in the beautiful girl.

"My principal reason for hesitating is that I have never had any experience in teaching, and could only follow the example of my own teachers, so far as I can remember it."

"You are very truthful and frank, at all events," remarked Mr. Coolidge smilingly.

"I should not presume to accept this position, sir, by placing myself in a false position," replied Brownie gravely.

"I think, with my father-in-law, that you will do, and I feel confident that you will prove faithful to your trust. Shall we consider the bargain closed?" asked her employer, giving her a glance of admiration.

"Mr. Coolidge—I—really—" stammered the young girl.

She was astonished that he should desire to close the bargain, without making any inquiries regarding her character or antecedents, and yet she did not know how to broach the subject.

"Ah, I beg your pardon, Miss Douglas," and the man of business looked utterly confused for a moment, "it was an oversight entirely that I did not mention what salary you would receive. Would four hundred a year and expenses meet your acceptance?"

"Make it five, William," interrupted Mr. Alcott, adding: "With those harum-scarum girls it will be none too much; there will be plenty of little knickknacks that she will want to bring away from the old country, and an extra hundred will be none too much."

"Well, call it five hundred and expenses, then," said Mr. Coolidge.

"Excuse me, gentlemen, but I had not thought of the salary which I should receive. I was upon the point of saying that you know nothing about me personally—whether I am, morally, one whom you would wish to receive into your family. I expected you would require references," Brownie said with dignity.

Mr. Coolidge leaned back in his chair, and laughed heartily, while Mr. Alcott beamed satisfaction at her over his gold-bowed spectacles. He recognized the true coin there.

"Really, Miss Douglas," said the former, "you have shown yourself wiser than I in this matter. That is a question which ought, according to the etiquette of the nineteenth century, to have been settled in the first place."

"The very fact of her speaking of the matter herself is reference enough for me," said Mr. Alcott, *sotto voce*.

"However," continued her employer, "I suppose Mrs. Coolidge would be better pleased to have that matter satisfactorily settled. What reference can you give us, Miss Douglas?"

"That is where I feared there might arise an objection," replied Brownie, with a sad smile, then added: "I have only one friend in the world to whom I feel at liberty just now to refer you; he is in Philadelphia—Mr. Arthur Conrad."

"What! Arthur Conrad, Esq., the noted lawyer of that city?" exclaimed Mr. Alcott, with great interest.

"Yes, sir. He has known me all my life, and I think I may trust him to speak a good word for me to you."

"That will be sufficient, Miss Douglas," said the old man, with a smile. "Arthur Conrad was a classmate of mine years and years ago; he was a splendid fellow, too. I know all about him, and

if he knows all about you, we shall not quarrel over further references."

"I will write to him this afternoon," said Mr. Coolidge, "and we will probably hear in a day or two from him. Then, as this is a mere matter of form, we shall consider that you are engaged to us, and for the salary I named?"

"Yes, sir; and I thank you for your courtesy, and for the confidence which you have shown to me, an utter stranger. I assure you, I will do my utmost to prove myself worthy of the trust you have placed in my hands."

Brownie arose as she spoke, and he saw that tears stood in her grave, beautiful eyes.

Then, bowing to both gentlemen, she returned to her work.

Two, three, four, five days slipped rapidly by, and Brownie heard nothing more from Mr. Coolidge.

On the sixth day, as she was removing her apron and putting her table in order, she saw Miss Walton hastening toward her, a smile of satisfaction gleaming upon her face.

"Miss Douglas," she said, loud enough for several of the other girls to hear, "Mr. Coolidge wishes you to come to the office again; he wishes to settle with you."

Now it was considered quite a disgrace for any one to be called upon to "settle" before the season was over, and Brownie became at once the cynosure of all eyes in her neighborhood.

Brownie saw that several of the girls were regarding her suspiciously, and listening eagerly to the conversation.

"Yes, Miss Walton," she said, in her clear, sweet tones, "I have been expecting some such message as this for several days. I sail for Europe with Mr. Coolidge and his family on Monday."

CHAPTER X.

BROWNIE AT THE COOLIDGE MANSION.

Mr. Coolidge glanced up with a smile of welcome, as Brownie, more beautiful than ever with the excitement of her first encounter with Miss Walton, entered the office.

"Miss Walton said you wished to see me, sir," she said simply.

"Yes, Miss Douglas, as we sail on Monday, I thought best to close our account with the firm tonight."

"You have heard from Mr. Conrad, then, I suppose," she said, taking it for granted, while her face became radiant with hope.

"No, Miss Douglas, I have not. I wrote immediately, but, receiving no reply, after waiting three days, I telegraphed, and his clerk returned word today that he had left town for a week."

Brownie's countenance fell, and she grew very pale.

All her bright hopes crumbled to dust, and nothing remained for her but to plod wearily along day by day.

"I am very sorry," she said, regretfully. "Of course, it is settled that I am not to go with you."

"Why not?" he asked, quickly adding: "You jump at conclusions, do you not? I told you, I believe, that as we sailed on Monday, I wished to close your account tonight. That does not look much like not going, does it?"

She had forgotten his words, and her face lighted a trifle at this, but she asked:

"But would you be justified, sir, in taking me without a recommendation?"

"I think so, and I think you are over-sensitive upon that point. I never met a governess before without a recommendation, who did not try to return the gentleman, with an amused smile."

"I only desire that you and Mrs. Coolidge should be entirely satisfied," she said, with proud dignity.

"Miss Douglas," he said, fixing a keen look upon her face, "I told you, when we first talked this matter over, that I considered it a mere form. I have been fully satisfied from the first that you are a lady, and amply qualified for the position I offer you. Now, if you will assure me that there has been nothing in your life, morally speaking, which would debar you from entering my family, I can rest satisfied, and there will be time enough in the future to write to Mr. Conrad."

Anything in her life, morally speaking!

A little smile of scorn curled her red lips, and the color leaped again to her very brow; but she lifted her clear, truthful eyes to his, and he was answered, even before she said, with conscious pride:

"There is nothing, there has been nothing in my life which any one could question."

"I knew it," he answered; "and now I have a request to make, and that is, that you allow me to send my carriage for you this evening. There remains only about a day and a half before we sail, and my family would like to become somewhat acquainted with you beforehand."

Brownie shrank from this ordeal, but she knew it must come sooner or later, and the quicker it was over with the better for all parties.

"Very well, sir," she answered.

"At what time shall I send for you?"

"An hour will give me ample time to make all needful preparations for the change."

"It is five o'clock now. Then at six precisely the carriage shall call for you. We dine at half-past, when you will meet my family. Now, about this account; it is not a very large one, Miss Douglas," he said, smiling, and turning to the books.

After a moment, he continued, with some hesitation:

"Allow me to give you a check on account. You may wish to make some purchases before leaving

Brownie drew herself up like a little queen. "If you will please pay me what I have earned, sir, it will be all I require, thank you."

He ran his eye quickly over the figures, then paid her just sixteen dollars and a half amount of her earnings for three weeks' days.

"Thank you; that is correct," she counted it; then, with a bow, she withdrew, a strange feeling of pride and independence in her heart that for three weeks she had supported herself by the labor of her own hands.

True, it would take about fourteen dollars for her board and washing, leaving her but two dollars and fifty cents surplus.

She was to receive a salary of five hundred a year, and she smiled to think how the sum looked to her now, had been her expenses and the opportunity of travel in charming Europe.

Brownie arrived at the Coolidge mansion season to be introduced to the family by her mother.

She did not feel particularly drawn toward either Mrs. Coolidge or her eldest daughter. They were evidently worldly, and she, with an air of superiority and patronage, was intensely galling to her proud young soul.

The younger girls, Viola and Alma, were simple and affectionate, and, although somewhat hoidenish, yet she felt assured that they had hearts, and promised herself some pleasure with them.

After dinner the whole family repaired to the drawing-room, and the girls being anxious to see what the new governess could do, desired her to play and sing.

She gratified them, playing and singing an hour, then tempting them from the parlor, made herself so sweet and engaging that they were charmed with her, while even Mr. Coolidge and Miss Walton relaxed their haughty mien, and, though they both considered her a rival in the way at present.

"If only Wilbur will not love his niece in love with her at first sight," Isabel said to her mother, when they had withdrawn to the Coolidge's boudoir to discuss Brownie's merits.

"Never fear, dear; Wilbur knows me, and never tolerate a wife for him unless she is equal in society," replied the mother, contently.

"But you know that sometimes young men are in love with a pretty face, and become devoted before they know it."

Miss Isabel was evidently very jealous of Brownie's beauty and accomplishments.

She had not been at all pleased that her mother should engage a governess without consulting her own and her mother's pleasure.

This feeling was shared by Mr. Coolidge, who had learned wisdom from long experience not to openly oppose her little whims upon any matter.

"I think you are worrying about nothing," said, in reply to her daughter. "I'm sure of anything so very beautiful about Miss Douglas, and she cast a proud look at her own daughter's deriding."

"Where are your eyes, mamma?" was the patient reply. "Her features are perfect; she has the loveliest complexion and color I have ever seen in any face; her hands and feet are of two sizes smaller than either mine or Viola's; her form just dainty enough to suit a fashionable young man like Wilbur."

"Really, Isabel, you must have spent considerable time inspecting the new governess to get up such a catalogue of her charms," remarked Mrs. Coolidge, contemptuously, adding: "You are afraid she may attract others, and interfere with your own prospects."

"She may; who knows?" replied the young girl.

"Well, if you really think there is danger, try and persuade your father to get rid of her even now. But I am of the opinion that you have exaggerated her good looks; I see nothing so very noticeable about her, and I am sure she dresses plainly enough to suit anybody, and does not wear a single ornament—nothing but soft ruffles at her neck and wrists."

"Her dress is all right, but hers is a great beauty that does not need dress to set it off. It would look lovely in anything. And I would never do to think of sending her away now. She is bewitched with her, and I do believe if she were a young man he would fall in love with her himself; he has done nothing but praise her ever since he met her in the reading-room."

"Pshaw! Isabel, how extremely foolish you are; do try and get such nonsense out of your head. But I promise I will take care that you do not see much of her, or any other young gentleman whom we may meet abroad," said Mrs. Coolidge, resolutely.

"If you can only put that resolution in your head, she may prove very useful to us, after all. Her accent is every bit as pure as Mother's, and I must confess that her music is perfect and bewildering. She will save all need of music-teachers or teachers in the languages, which will be quite an item; it has cost me more than a hundred dollars."

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ERY often someone writes to the Sisters' Corner and wants to know how to give a Washington's Birthday, St. Patrick's Day or Halloween party, or church fair, and often they want some simple form of entertainment when three neighbors "drop in" for the evening, neighbors should do. It isn't always possible to answer these letters personally and be this I hope the letters following, the action of several months, will meet the needs of the sisters who entertain, and most to some extent.—Ed.

COLLINSVILLE, ILL.

PORT SISTERS: received lots of good advice and help, and a pleasant hour, reading the sisters' letters. I will tell you how we earned money for

oned a trip around the world. In the church was a place fixed up to represent a station, sets were sold. The Boy Scouts were there, and would blow a whistle to summon a scout to conduct a party of fifteen on the trip. He first to an old plantation home, a corner of the church, dressed as negroes, with faces, sold baked beans, bacon, corn bread and then they had finished at this cabin, the scout whistle and conducted his party to the next island, where the fat girls served cakes, coffee, cake. The girls looked very attractive in blue dresses and white caps, aprons and wooden shoes. The next country was Japan and was the most had to sit on the floor and eat. The girls used in Japanese costumes. Rice was served on cakes and tea. The next stop was the U. S. A. Everything was red, white and blue. A woman as Liberty and a man as Uncle Sam. They sang. Ice cream and cake was sold here. I fix your prices to suit yourself, but we cleared for our church. GREY EYES.

ROCKY FACE, R. R. 1, BOX 62, GA.
Mrs. WILKINSON: reading Mrs. R. M. Down's letter, I recall a school social we had. A woman and girl member made twelve socks each, composed a little rhyme, a copy of which in each sock, sending to every person within they were made from silk and ribbon remnants enough for any other use, were from two to long and from one to one and a half inches. The receivers were asked to multiply their size, then add enough for the other sock extra. If a number ten you owe thirty, see? So place pennies in the sock, bring it and attend our sock party at the place and date on back of We had a musical program, an address and a fine speaker present from our, and other coming enclosing the following rhyme:

his little sock we give to you,
is not for you to wear;
please multiply your size by two,
and place therein with care
nickels or in cents,
at twice the number that you wear;
Ve hope it is immense).

If you wear a number 10,
you owe us thirty, see?
rich, dropped within this little sock,
ill fill our hearts with glee.
is all we ask, it isn't much,
and hardly any trouble;
at if you only have one foot,
e'll surely charge you double.

ut if the distance seems too great
ur social to attend,
care or sickness should prevent,
just send by some good friend,
our good Uncle Sam" will bring
he dime our Sunday School needs,
and many thanks we'll vote you,
ho are a friend indeed.

ow, if you have a friend quite dear
ould like to bring with you,
er, if you know someone who'd come,
e'll gladly send you two.
o don't forget the place and date—
e'll answer when you knock
nd welcome you with open arms—
ut Don't Forget Your Sock.

been a reader of COMFORT ten years, and I say it is the best paper printed of its kind.
Sincerely, (MISS) CHLOE KINSEY.

SALEM, OREGON.

FOLKS: the weather in your neighborhood? It couldn't than this because this is the kind of a day I just at present it is cloudy, an hour ago the sun shined and two hours ago it was raining. What once! But it is to be expected at this time of in dear old Oregon. That is one reason why home state so well, but only one of many. I suppose I had better follow the usual method and myself. I am seventeen years old, nearly I believe the best way to do that is to tell one of my many nicknames is Shrimp. I am one inches tall and weigh 109 pounds. I have hair with red mixed in it. Some say I am red while others say it is brown but it surely is red get my Irish up. Then my eyes, which are usually, turn yellow with rage. And the most promising about my face is one big freckle which ex-om ear to ear and from the roots of my hair to of my dress. I suppose it is useless for me to as Irish as the pigs of Dublin.

other and I are living on an 85-acre fruit ranch, at least eight hours a day, and for a while I got hours, worked from 6.30 A. M. until 10.30 P. M. I don't say what I wasn't doing. I was trying most of the time. Since we came out here I worked at everything to be done on a farm. Started laying bricks and when I quit work at 2 P. M. had just finished mending the manger for His Highness Bill. We have two Bills here, Iron and just plain Bill. Iron Bill is a tractor and Bill one that doesn't make as much noise as Iron Bill able at work.

I tell you a terrible experience I had the other I was feeding the pigs dried prunes when some-

Comfort Sisters' Recipes

MISS Hilma Hanson of Marshalltown, Iowa, wins the Comfort's Sisters' Pin this month for having sent the best recipe. By "best" is meant the recipe that is easiest for an inexperienced cook to follow. The recipe for Valentine Cake will be especially welcome to those who entertain, and various ideas on entertaining will be found among the letters from the sisters.—Ed.

BAKED EGG PLANT.—One egg plant, one egg, one teaspoon butter, one-half teaspoon salt, one-quarter teaspoon pepper and three or four crackers. Peel and slice egg plant and boil in salt water until tender, drain, mash well, add egg and cracker crumbs, enough milk or cream to moisten, season with salt and pepper and bake in greased dish half an hour.—Miss Hilma Hanson, Marshalltown, Iowa.

BLACK BEAN SOUP.—Soak one pint of black beans over night, in the morning drain and add two quarts of cold water. Slice one small onion in frying-pan and fry with one tablespoon of butter and one-half cup celery, add to beans and let cook until beans are soft, probably three hours, adding more hot water as necessary. When beans are cooked, rub through a sieve and season with salt, pepper, mustard and a little cayenne. Reheat and thicken with two tablespoons of flour cooked with three tablespoons of butter. Serve hot with slices of hard-boiled eggs and lemon.—Mrs. H., New Hampshire.

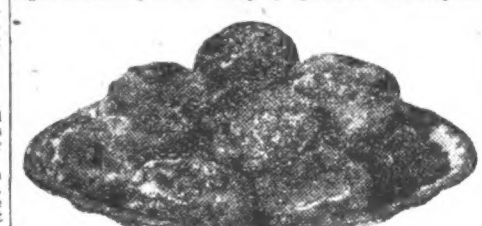
DEVILED OYSTERS.—Clean, drain and cut in pieces, one pint of oysters. Make a sauce of one heaping tablespoon butter, one heaping tablespoon flour and one-half cup of milk; cook, add yolk of one egg, a little salt and pepper, and oysters. Put in buttered baking dish and cover with buttered bread-crumbs and bake fifteen minutes.

CREAM PUFFS.—One cup hot water, one-half cup butter, boil together and while boiling stir in one cup sifted flour dry. Take from stove and stir to a smooth paste and when cool stir in three eggs. Stir five minutes, drop on buttered tin and bake in quick oven.

FOR CREAM.—One cup milk, one-half cup sugar, one egg, three teaspoons flour, flavor with lemon. When both this and the puffs are cold, open puffs with knife and fill with cream.

HERMITS.—Three eggs, one cup of butter, one and one-half cups of sugar, one-half teaspoon soda, one teaspoon cloves, one teaspoon allspice, one teaspoon cinnamon, one cup of chopped raisins. Roll thin.

BREAKFAST PUFFS.—Sift together two cups of flour, one level teaspoon of salt, two teaspoons of baking powder, one-half teaspoon of nutmeg, and two thirds cup of sugar. Mix with one cup of milk and two unbeaten eggs, adding them one at a time. Beat hard until very light and fine grained. Drop by spoonfuls into deep hot



BREAKFAST PUFFS.

fat and fry to a golden brown. Small puffs will cook better than larger ones. Have a plate of sugar at hand in which to roll the puffs when taken from fat. If the puffs do not rise quickly or are not light, it is because the dough is not quite stiff enough, and a little more flour should be added.

DARK PUDDING.—Three cups of flour, one cup molasses, one and one-half cup raisins (chopped), two-thirds of a cup of suet, one cup milk, one teaspoon of soda and a little salt, one teaspoon of cloves, one of cassia, one of allspice; steam from four to five hours.

SAUCE.—Two cups of sugar, one of butter, rub to a cream, add three or four tablespoons of boiling water just before sending to the table; if wanted extra nice, add the white of an egg; flavor to taste.

SEET PUDDING.—One cup suet, chopped fine; one cup chopped raisins, one cup molasses, one cup boiling water, large teaspoon soda, flour to make stiff. Beat in one egg and teaspoon cassia. Serve with sauce to suit taste. Steam three hours.

RAISED DOUGHNUTS.—One cup of sugar, a piece of butter the size of a nutmeg, one egg, one cup sweet milk, one-half teaspoon of soda. Mix with flour stiff enough to knead. Raise over night. Handle carefully in the morning without kneading. Twist and fry.

MOLASSES DOUGHNUTS.—One cup molasses, one cup new milk, two teaspoons cream tartar, one teaspoon soda, five teaspoons melted butter, one egg, cinnamon and nutmeg; flour enough to roll.

SOFT MILK DOUGHNUTS.—One cup sugar, two eggs, one-half cup sour milk, piece butter size of a nutmeg, one teaspoon soda, a little salt; knead soft and spice to taste.

APPLE PUFF.—One egg, one tablespoon butter, one cup sweet milk, and one teaspoon baking powder. Mix together and add enough flour (sift baking powder with flour) so that the batter will drop easily from spoon. Peel and slice cooking apples and put into earthen baking dish and cover with the batter. Bake in hot oven and serve with cream sauce or whipped cream.—Mrs. METTIE ALGOD, Stony Fork, N. C.

CREAM CANDY.—Dissolve two cups of brown sugar in one-half cup of water and boil until it spins a thread, add three tablespoons of melted butter, one-quarter teaspoon salt and let boil until it forms a soft ball when dropped in water. Remove from fire and add one teaspoon orange extract, stir until it begins to grain, pour into greased tin and when partly cooled cut into squares.—Grace, Idaho.

COFFEE JELLY WITH BANANA.—Soak two even tablespoons of fine gelatin in half a cup of cold water twenty minutes. Bring to a boil one and a half cup of strong coffee, one-half cup of sugar, and a small pinch of salt. Add to softened gelatin and pour into mould. To serve, turn onto plate, surround with sliced banana, and on top arrange a circle of the banana and top with whipped cream.

EGG SAUCE.—Put one-fourth cup of butter into a saucepan where it will quickly melt but not brown, and when it bubbles add two rounding tablespoons of dry flour and mix until smooth. Gradually add two cups of hot water, stirring rapidly. Cook two minutes, then add one-fourth cup of butter and beat until perfectly



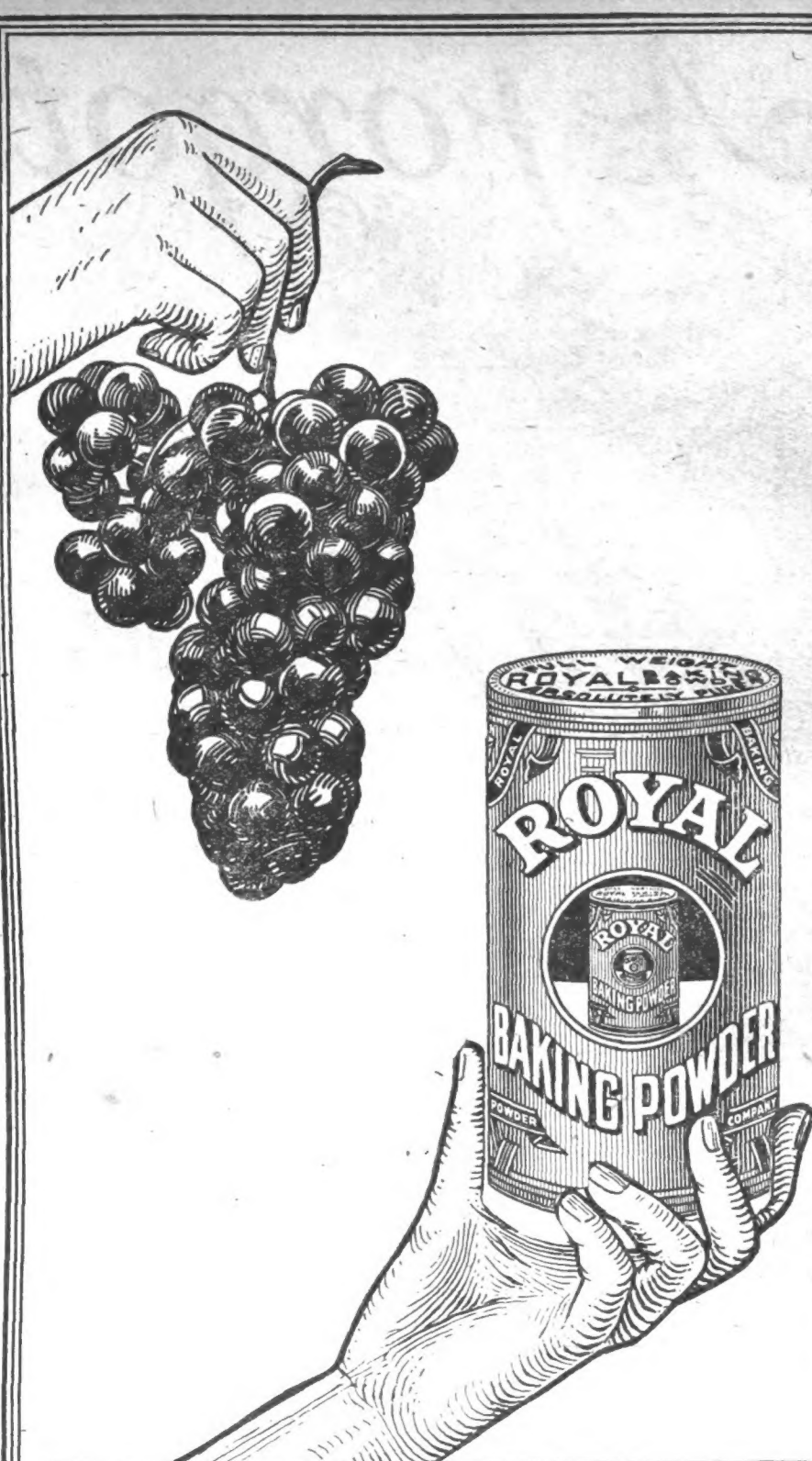
EGG SAUCE.

smooth with the addition of one-third teaspoon of salt, unless the butter is salt, and a little pepper. Add two hard-boiled eggs, cut into thin slices and serve.

A delicious sauce to serve with boiled fowl is made by adding the chicken livers boiled and washed fine and the juice of one lemon to the above sauce in place of the eggs.

VALENTINE CAKE.—One cup of sugar creamed with one-third of a cup of butter until smooth, and light yellow. Beat, until very light, three eggs, and then beat these into the butter and sugar. Stir in one-half cup of milk and then beat in two cups of flour to which one even teaspoon of baking powder has been added. Beat hard until light and smooth. Bake in a round pan in a moderate oven. When cold, spread thickly.

FROSTING.—Stir together the whites of two eggs and two teaspoons of lemon juice, and very gradually stir in two scant cups of powdered sugar. Beat with the egg beater five minutes, and spread on cake. Around the sides press candy hearts into the soft frosting, and on the top of cake spread finely chopped walnut meats.



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Jacky's face, white with complexion bleach, stood out like a cameo against the black

at Ashcroft had got himself disflustered by
up a right of way and made enemies of his
neighbors. After which he drove home, and
in his mind, pondering whether he had
over and warn Lesard. Small wonder he
to send for Gillian's maid and ask questions
the afternoon, or that he barely noticed
Charles Vivian stayed to tea.

For once he did not attend that the butler bring it in; he and his wife shut up together, talking hard, and the next day talked the less they liked the look of the unless Leonard did not.

was quite safe. No one had seen Hollis's, but Lady Hollis, whose description have fitted an East End ruffian; a House not one soul had left.

And yet—Mr. Marchmont drank coffee and soda while he reassured himself.

good, he had needed it. By dinner time he had calmed himself once more contemptuous of the world and all his works. Things were passing on their way and a month's inaction would not matter.

Not so Mr. Brookes, who performed his duties in a most perfunctory manner and went out after dinner without leave or leave-taking.

a clever man, broken out of a career for embezzling mess funds, but only was a very timid man, and his courage his to defend himself by distrust.

"I believe he'd blow on the whole if we were worth him while," reflected the brother.

ly, as he took an unfrequented byway into darkness. It had begun to rain again, and he resented it. His poverty had at one time almost followed the career of a waiter, which he thought him admirably qualified to pursue.

He was a long time in his military

In his absence things were apparently no different than usual at Hamilton Place. The room in their own quarters, Mrs. Gibbs said, her purple velvet and recovered for a

Gillian, who had been excited and

the evening, had gone to her own quarters there behind locked doors the awful night began. For the first time in her life Jacky was angry with Gillian.

"You told Sir Charles I was your son," cried, after listening appalled to the old man's ventures.

It was so queer! And, Jacky—
not to stay here; that we should go.
Mr. Marchmont is so unreasonable and
I told him we had no money, and he

work for my living than to stay here and be so unhappy. I—I told him I had no money! I couldn't help it. It slipped out. Jacky, standing very straight in front of me, said, "You're a liar."

"You're cross! You think I was silly!"

The whistle broke off tunelessly. "I think you'll get found out," said the man succinctly. "That's what I think! Everybody's people will talk." She put both hands

head with a gesture of helpless anxiety. "Mr. Marchmont hears it—well! God knows he'll do to you. And Lesard—does Lesard know you're here?" sharply. "But of course he

"I told him myself." And with a hurt
sore pride she remembered how he had
surprise when he must have known far
she.

"I knew him," with white lips. But her manner changed to gentleness. If she could have such a slip, why be so hard on Gillian?

"Forgive me, Gill! I don't mean to be late," she said quickly. "I don't suppose it matters. I think we had better take Sir Charles to the train, and get out of this as soon as possible."

"I'll do what must be done tonight, if you
me. And, before they find it out we can
we can manage to get to London we shall
Hoo. Tomorrow will be the first of

"I have money," Gillian

little. "Sir Charles lent me
afternoon. I let out that Mr. Marchmont
the housekeeper and the butler played cards
night, and that I was frightened of him."

"You told that?" Jacky was frank and good earnest. "Well, after that, nothing more. But we aren't safe here a day. You see, the police are looking for me."

little beginning like that Sir Charles had
but the whole business—that's another
—and you turn if he finds out that

...a burglar? And you—are his wife?
...passionate, tragic, in her wild reproach she
...way. If all that came out, it would come
...that Leonard had been her lover, and

with a dreadful little shiver at the
erred if Gillian would forget she was
nd only remember she was the woman
tolen her husband's heart!
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VARIOUS CUTS FROM A HIND QUARTER OF BEEF

How To Cook AND SERVE THEM

By
Violet Marsh

SCOTCH STEAK.

Buying beef, our most commonly used meat, it is especially important to know the different cuts, and their adaptation to particular ways of cooking. Of equal importance to every housewife is an understanding of the nutritive value of different cuts, and their relative cost. The finer grained, frequently more tender cuts come from the animal where muscles are but little developed. The choicest of these cuts is under the hind quarter, beginning with the cut of sirloin which has the most tender meat. The cut of extra fine steaks and roasts require less time for cooking. The tenderest cut is the tip of the rump, which is a very little used, and while very tender, it is not a very good cut. In city markets this is sold as fillet, and that part of the tenderloin under the rump is known as the short fillet. They require the addition of beef fat, and may be covered with strips of pork fat.

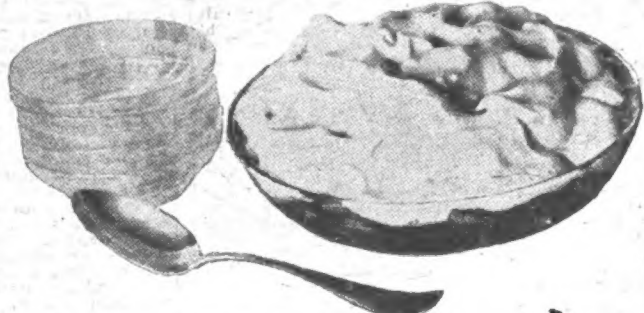
Of the cheapest cuts, the brisket is nutritious but requires cooking to render it tender enough to digest properly. Such cuts are often used for soups, and for the working muscles of the body. The flesh of young animals contains less nourishment than that of mature beef, and construction is a matter of great importance to the cook. It will be found that the fibers of all muscle are grouped together in bundles, and in membrane which is as connective tissue.

When meat is boiled in water or steam it is tender; more slowly if tough. A process of cooking which takes place while being cooked may be obtained by examining the texture of meat which has been cooked too long. In this the muscular fibers may be completely separated one from another, showing the connective tissue has been destroyed. It is evident that the fibers themselves are not texture from those in the raw meat.

When meat for the table it is usual to separate the point of separation, but while the process of cooking is going on the connective tissue is gradually softening and the fibers are changing in texture. The former is especially desired, but the latter is not. For this reason it is necessary to keep the temperature below the boiling point and as consistent with thorough cooking, for the meat is tender, and the result of experience that slow gentle cooking results in better

SIRLOIN ROAST.—The flank may be cut off and used in stews, or it may be drawn underneath and held in place by skewer or string. Have the oven very hot. Rub with salt, then dredge both meat and pan with flour. Put pieces of fat meat, or a few spoonfuls of beef fat into the bottom of pan which should be only a little larger than the roast, so that the fat will be ample for basting without the addition of water. The meat should sear quickly to prevent the escape of juices. Lay on rack with cut surface upward, turning until entirely seared. Reduce heat a little, baste and dredge several times. During the last half hour the fat side of roast is turned on top so that it will cook crisp and brown. A six-pound roast should cook an hour and a quarter unless it is liked very rare.

SCOTCH STEAK.—Pound flour into both sides of any of the cheaper cuts of steak, using as much as it will take up. Fry in beef drippings, turning as it browns. Add boiling water to cover and



COFFEE AND FRUIT PUDDING.

set closely covered where it will just simmer for two hours. When done the gravy is already thickened and the flavor is delicious. Add a sprinkling of salt half an hour before serving. Use only fat enough to sear with.

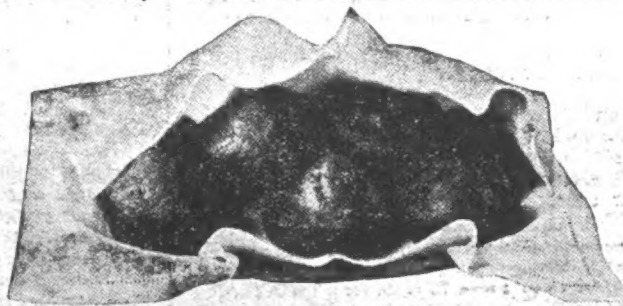
HUNGARIAN GOULASH.—Cut two pounds of good steak into two-inch pieces and roll in flour. Slowly fry a thin slice of salt pork until light brown, add the beef and cook slowly for half an hour, stirring occasionally. Cover with boiling water and simmer two hours. Season with salt and pepper. Make a sauce as follows: Two cups of stewed tomato, one stalk of celery cut fine, one sliced onion, two bay leaves, six whole cloves, six peppercorns, and one blade of mace put into a saucepan, covered with water and cooked until soft. Mash and press through a sieve. Drain the stock from the cooked meat into the prepared vegetables and thicken with equal parts of flour and butter rubbed together. Season with salt and paprika. Serve the meat on a platter with the sauce poured over. Cubes of boiled potatoes, carrots and green peppers cooked together may be sprinkled over this dish when served in true Hungarian style.

ITCHBONE STEW.—Use about four pounds of meat and bone which should be sawed in several pieces. Cut the meat from bone and into small pieces, then sprinkle with salt, a very little pepper and roll in flour. Try out some of the fat and sear the meat, stirring constantly. Put meat into stew kettle, and in the same fat slightly fry two sliced onions, two sliced carrots and one small turnip and add to meat. Add the bone and cover with boiling water and simmer two or three hours, or until the meat is tender. One hour before the stew is done lay several potatoes cut into fourths on top of the stew. They are prepared and soaked in cold water one hour previously. Add salt. The dumplings are added twelve minutes before taking the stew from fire and the cover must not be lifted after putting them in. To make dumplings, sift two cups of flour with three teaspoons of baking powder and one-half teaspoon of salt. Rub in a little butter and mix soft with sweet milk. Drop by spoonfuls into the stew.

MOCK DUCK.—Cut a half-inch slice from the top of the round and quickly sear both sides in beef fat. Spread with a dressing made from buttered soft bread-crumbs and seasoned with sage, onion juice, salt and pepper. A little chopped celery may also be added. Roll and tie and dredge generously with flour. Place in a covered pan in a moderate oven and bake three hours. Add a little water after the first hour and baste and dredge frequently.

Soup Recipes

BROWN SOUP STOCK.—The simplest process pre-



WHOLE WHEAT MUFFINS.

serves all the nutriment and flavor but does not provide a clear stock which can only be prepared by sacrificing certain elements of the meat. Use about two-thirds lean meat and one-third marrow, bone and fat. Cut off the lean and put through meat chopper. Clean the marrow from bone and in it fry about one-third of the lean meat, stirring continually until thoroughly seared and colored. Put one quart of cold water into the frying-pan and simmer until all the marrow has been taken up by cooking. Put raw meat, bone, fat and contents of frying-pan into the soup kettle and cover with cold water. Let stand one hour, stirring occasionally to draw out the meat juices. Very gradually bring to a boil and simmer six



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hours. A safe rule for amount of water is to use one pint to a pound of soup material. The scum which rises should not be removed if all the meat extracts are desired as it contains the coagulated albuminous juices. If a flavored soup stock is desired, about one and a half hour before the stock is done, add salt, a mixture of chopped vegetables and prepared sweet herbs. Strain through a fine wire sieve.

MOCK TURTLE SOUP.—Scrape clean and wash one calf's head and soak one hour covered with cold water. Cut the head into several pieces and put into the soup kettle with three quarts of cold water and one tablespoon of salt. Bring slowly to a boil and simmer until the meat slips from the bones. Strain. Press the face meat into a dish to cool and later cut it into small cubes. Return head-stock to kettle with one large carrot, one small turnip, two small onions, and one-half cup of celery all sliced or cut fine, five whole peppers, six cloves, six allspice, one-eighth teaspoon of cinnamon and one cup of cooked tomato and cook until the stock is reduced to three pints. Strain and cool. Lightly brown two tablespoons of butter and add two cups of dry flour and gradually add two cups of hot brown soup stock. Add head-stock, juice of half a lemon, cubes of meat from head and more salt if necessary, cook a few minutes and just before serving add three hard-boiled eggs cut in thin slices and half a sliced lemon.

FRENCH ONION SOUP.—Two and one-half cups of thinly-sliced onion slowly fried in one-third cup of butter until they are slightly browned and about half done. Add one pint of boiling water, cover closely and finish cooking where they will scarcely simmer. Slow cooking of the onion is the secret of this soup. Add one quart of hot milk or soup stock, cook two minutes while stirring and season. Toast thinly-sliced biscuits in the oven and spread with rich cheese, cream cheese preferable. In each soup plate lay pieces of the prepared toast and then pour over the soup.

CREAM OF TOMATO SOUP.—Melt four tablespoons of butter and smooth in four tablespoons of dry flour with one-half teaspoon of salt and a little white pepper. When it bubbles, slowly add three cups of hot milk and simmer ten minutes. In another saucepan put two cups of stewed tomato, one tablespoon of thinly-sliced onion, one-fourth of a bay leaf, two tablespoons of sugar and cook fifteen minutes, then rub through a sieve. Return to stove and when the boiling point is reached add one-fourth teaspoon of soda and at once combine with the hot milk sauce. Beat hard and serve with toasted cubes of bread or crackers. In place of bay leaf and pepper, one scant half teaspoon of curry powder may be used.

General Recipes

WHOLE-WHEAT MUFFINS.—One and one-half cup of whole wheat or graham, one-half cup of white flour, four teaspoons of baking powder, three-fourths teaspoon of salt, two tablespoons of sugar sifted together. Beat one egg, add one cup of milk and beat into drys. A little more milk may be necessary. Beat in three tablespoons of melted butter and bake in gem tins in a moderately hot oven.

DECORATED CAKE.—Cream one-half cup of butter and gradually add one cup of sugar. Sift together one cup of flour, one-half cup of cornstarch and two teaspoons of baking soda. Add one-half teaspoon of vanilla to one-half cup of milk. Add milk and flour mixture alternately to the butter mixture, beat until smooth and lastly fold in two egg whites beaten stiff and dry. Bake in a deep round tin. When cold cover with a chocolate frosting made by melting two squares of chocolate and gradually stirring in one-fourth cup of hot cream, one-half teaspoon of butter, a pinch of salt, and one-fourth teaspoon of vanilla. Add one beaten egg yolk and powdered sugar until it will spread without running. Dust with shredded coconut around the sides. Spread a wide band of white frosting around the top made from the unbeaten white of an egg, three teaspoons of lemon juice and powdered sugar. Build a nest of the coconut and fill with candies which are also placed around the edge of cake.

COFFEE AND FRUIT PUDDING.—Soak two tablespoons of granulated gelatin in one-half cup of cold water ten minutes and dissolve with three cups of strong hot coffee. Add one-half cup of sugar and one-half teaspoon of vanilla. Set in a cool place, and when partly jellied stir in one cup of clean chopped dates. Turn into a wet mould and set away to stiffen. Serve with sweetened whipped cream. Sour cream well sweetened and flavored with nutmeg is also good with this pudding.

COFFEE SOUFFLE.—Soak one tablespoon of granulated gelatin in one-eighth cup of cold water. Bring one and one-half cup of strong coffee, one-

fourth cup of sugar and one-half cup of rich milk to a scald in a double boiler and stir in the gelatin. Beat the yolks of two eggs with one-fourth cup of sugar and one-fourth teaspoon of salt and pour over them the hot coffee mixture, stirring continually. Return to boiler, stir and cook until the mixture thickens. Remove from fire, beat in the two egg whites beaten to a stiff froth and one teaspoon of vanilla. Turn into serving dish to stiffen. Just before serving top with sweetened whipped cream.

BAKED INDIAN PUDDING.—Bring three and one-half cups of rich milk to a scald and gradually add one-third cup of corn meal mixed with one-half cup of cold milk. Cook twenty minutes then add one-half cup of molasses, one teaspoon of salt and one-half teaspoon of mixed ginger, cinnamon and nutmeg. Pour into a greased baking dish and bake three hours in a very slow oven. Serve with a sauce made as follows: White of one egg, one-half cup of thick cream, one-third cup of milk, one cup of powdered sugar and one-half teaspoon of vanilla, all beaten together with the egg-beater until thick and creamy.

DRIED APPLE SAUCE.—Cover one and one-half cup of dried apple with cold water and soak ten minutes, then rub between the hands and rinse through several waters. Cover with fresh cold water and soak over night. Cook until tender in the same water, adding more water if necessary. Unless the apple has cooked up fine, put it through a wire sieve. Add one cup of sugar, and if the apples lack flavor add a little lemon juice and about one-third teaspoon of cinnamon. Do not cook after adding sugar and seasoning.

DRIED APPLE PIE.—Prepare apples as above, cooking in as little water as possible until half or two-thirds done. Line deep pie plate with a good crust and lay in the apple. Dot with butter and cover with one cup of sugar mixed with a little cinnamon and nutmeg. Many like less sugar and two tablespoons of good molasses. Bake a full hour in a moderate oven.

SCALLOPED FRUIT.—Wash one cup of dried apricots, cover with cold water and let stand until the skins will rub off. Just cover with cold water and let stand over night. Cut two apples into very thin slices after peeling and coring. Break soft bread into fine crumbs, using two cupfuls. Make layer of apricot, apple and bread-crumbs in a baking dish, dot with butter and sprinkle with a little cinnamon, nutmeg and sugar. Repeat until all are used. Use about one cup of sugar. Bake in a fairly hot oven until the apple is soft. Just before taking from the oven top the scallop with a few marshmallows sprinkled with dry cake-crumbs and remove dish from oven as soon as they have melted. Serve hot or cold.

STUFFED DATES.—Remove skins, cut a long slit in one side of each date and remove stones. Allow half a teaspoon of peanut butter to each date and stir in a little sugar and lemon juice. Fill dates and roll in powdered sugar.

DATE SOUFFLE.—Remove skins, stone, and cut half a pound of dates into small pieces. Add one-half cup of boiling water and cook until soft, stirring frequently to prevent sticking. Put through a sieve. The mixture should not be watery. Beat the whites of five eggs until very dry and stiff and gradually beat in one-fourth cup of powdered sugar, one tablespoon of lemon juice and a pinch of salt. Fold the two mixtures together without beating and pour into a buttered baking dish. Bake in a moderate oven until well puffed which will take nearly a half-hour.

CREAM SPONGE CAKE.—Yolks of four eggs, one cup of sugar, three tablespoons cold water, one and one-half tablespoons corn-starch, nearly one cup of flour, one and one-half teaspoons baking powder, one-quarter teaspoon salt, whites of four eggs. Beat yolks of eggs until thick and lemon-colored, add sugar gradually and beat two minutes, then add water. Put corn-starch in cup and then fill with flour. Mix and sift corn-starch with baking powder and salt and add to first mixture. When thoroughly mixed add whites of eggs beaten until stiff and one teaspoon lemon extract. Bake thirty minutes in a moderate oven.

HERMITS.—One-half cup of butter, two-thirds cup of sugar, one egg, two tablespoons milk, one and three-quarters cup of flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one-third cup of raisins, stoned and chopped in fine pieces, one-half teaspoon cinnamon, one-quarter teaspoon clove, mace and nutmeg. Cream butter, add sugar gradually, then raisins, egg well beaten and milk. Roll thin.

SPICE COOKIES.—One-half cup molasses, one-half cup of sugar, one and one-half tablespoons butter, one and one-half tablespoons lard, one tablespoon milk, two cups flour, one-half teaspoon soda, one-half teaspoon salt, one-half teaspoon clove, one-half teaspoon cinnamon, one-half teaspoon nutmeg. Heat molasses to a boiling point. Add sugar, shortening and milk. Let stand in a cold place to thoroughly chill.

than is the case when meat is boiled rapidly. This is the philosophy that lies back of the cooking process.

Division of a Hind Quarter of Beef and Ways of Cooking

loin is found under the backbone, and from are cut extra fine roasts, from the middle sirloin and porterhouse steaks, while roasts are also made from the first cut. The round is the rump which the back divides into "back," "middle" and "face." The next to the loin is very tender and the back is used for cross-cut steaks and choice pieces. The middle also makes a fairly fast, while the face provides excellent meat.

Even the back and middle cut of the rump round lies the alitchbone. This cut of makes a rich stew, or it can be successfully

certain section of the hind quarter is called "the vein," from that part of it which the rump good steaks are cut.

juicy cuts are taken from the top of the round and the inside of the leg. Any round is excellent for roasts, but only that part lies inside the ridge of the ribs into good steaks. The ends of the top and the round makes a good quality of hamburger steak and other dishes.

The shin is used for stews and braising. The marrow is found in one running through the round to the shin.

Some Beef Recipes

ROAST.—Five pounds of beef cut from the middle or face of rump, or the "vein." Put the beef fat in a hot frying-pan and sear the surface of the roast. In a deep dish or that covers closely put half a cup of water the meat, and bake in a very slow oven several hours, adding a very little water from time to time if necessary. At no time should the water be allowed to boil. One hour before taking meat from oven it is surrounded with pared potatoes. This is delicious cold.

Cubby Bear and the Mumps

By Lena B. Ellings

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"DEAR, dear! No sooner is one trouble ended than another comes in its place." So fretted Bunny Rabbit. "My beautiful house was burned in the forest fire started by the farmhouse children, when they came here to roast corn and potatoes."

"Yes, but your friends all helped you to build another," answered Dr. Squilly Porcupine, his mouth stretching in a big yawn. For Bunny had come to Squilly's house in the gray light of an early morning, and made his doleful plaint. "Did you come and wake me just to complain that you are not happy? Your new house is better than your old one was, and it is set in a pleasanter place. We all helped make chairs and tables, and cribs for your Baby Bunnies. What more do you want?"

"No one thought to make a bed for me," complained Bunny, "and I had to do it myself!"

"And why not, I should like to know?" asked Squilly. "Would I have had a bed to sleep on if I had not made one for myself?"

Bunny Rabbit stood wringing his paws helplessly.

"Oh, how you bother me!" he cried unreasonably. "Why do you stand and scold at me instead of coming home with me and seeing if you can help my poor, sick Bunny Babies?"

Dr. Squilly Porcupine reached for his medicine case, slammed his door behind him, and started in the direction of Bunny's new house, all in less time than it takes to tell about it.

"Why," demanded Squilly rather crossly, "why did you not tell me at first, that your Baby Bunnies were sick, instead of standing there complaining?"

"I did!" answered Bunny, mopping away his tears.

"You did not!" declared Dr. Squilly. "But perhaps you meant to, and then thought you had. What ails them?"

"I do not know. They won't eat, though I cooked their oat porridge just the best I knew how. I even put a bit of pepper in it, to please them, and then they didn't like it!"

"Pepper, indeed!" exclaimed Squilly in disgust. "No wonder they wouldn't eat!"

"Their little eyes are red, and drip tears!" went on Bunny. "And when I tried to wash them, they all squealed and said I hurt them. And then I noticed that their cheeks were fat—oh, very fat indeed—they had grown fat just over night."

"They were swollen, silly!" said Squilly Porcupine. "It is my opinion that your Baby Bunnies have the mumps."

At that, Bunny Rabbit tumbled over, all in a quivering heap.

"Mumps, mumps!" he quavered. "What a frightening, scary sound the word has!"

"Get up, and come with me!" ordered Squilly. "Have you no common sense at all? Mumps are not dangerous if you take good care of them."

They soon reached Bunny's house, and found the sick Baby Bunnies all in their little cribs.

Dr. Squilly looked them over, felt their pulse, looked at their tongues, and gently patted the little cheeks, which had grown wondrously fat over night.

"Mumps," he said. "Double mumps—every single one of them has mumps on both sides. Keep a good fire," he told Bunny, "and see that their little toes are warm. I have never doctored the mumps, but I will leave you some very good check-rib-ry pills for them."

Just then came a loud pounding at the door, and Betty Badger burst in, quite out of breath.

"Come with me, Dr. Squilly Porcupine," she cried. "Do not lose a minute. My five children are sick! Their eyes drip tears, they cannot eat, and their cheeks have swollen big and fat over night."

"What, what?" cried Dr. Squilly. "More mumps?"

They hurried off together, and had not gone far before they met Mr. Wise Owl. Wise Owl was staggering toward them, trying to shield his face from the cold autumn wind, with his wing.

His eyes, when he looked at them, were red, and every feather on his face was standing on end.

"How funny you look!" said Betty Badger.

"Funny—funny, is it?" cried Wise Owl, hopping up and down in a fury. "Let me tell you it is not so funny for me! I cannot eat—to talk gives me pain. See how my face is swollen! I was hunting for you, Dr. Squilly Porcupine, to tell me what is the matter?"

"Mumps!" said Dr. Squilly solemnly.

"I—with the mumps?" cried Wise Owl. "I will not have them! Will not, I tell you! Mumps are for babies!"

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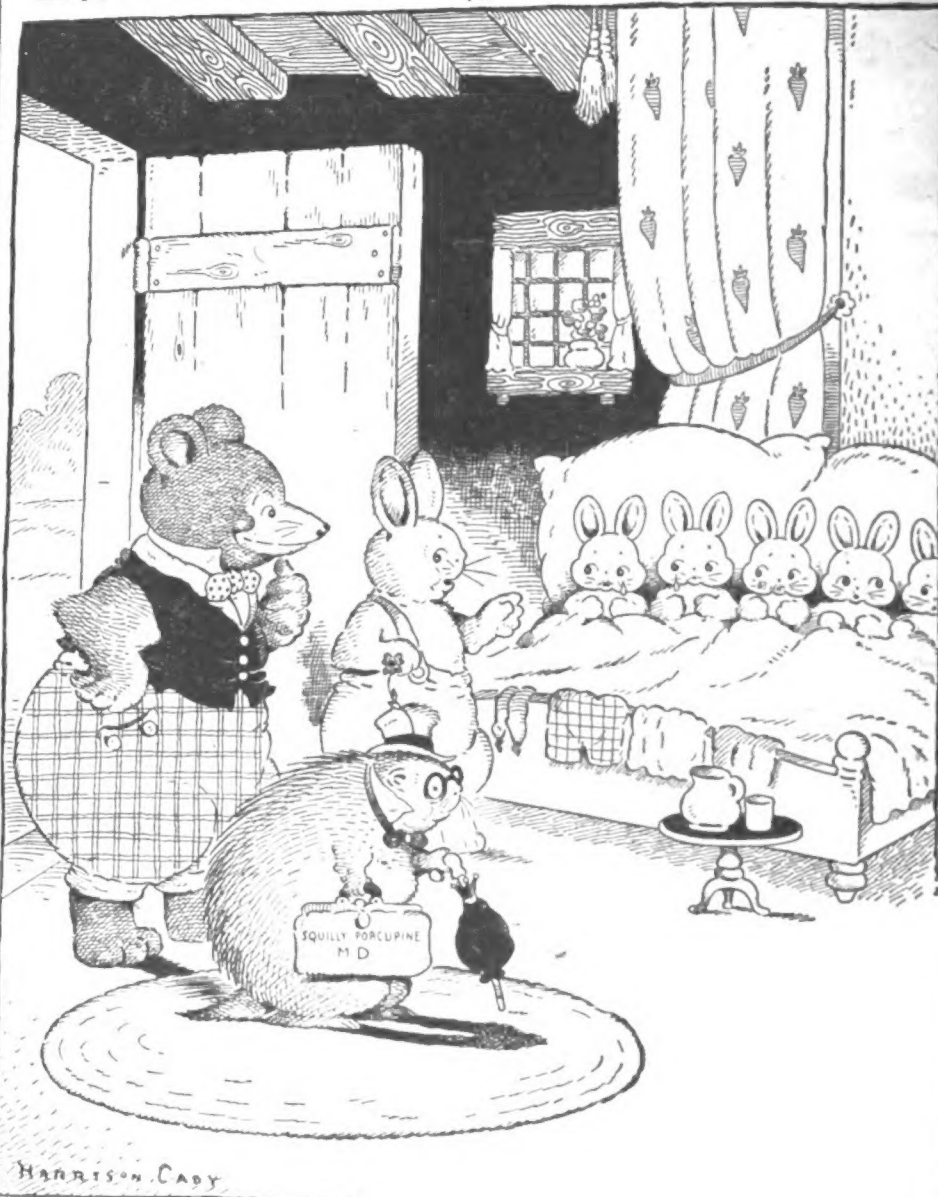
"What are mumps, anyway?" asked Betty Badger.

"What the Bunny Babies, and your own children, and Wise Owl are sick with," answered Squilly.

"Mumps," answered Wise Owl (you see he was

"Oh, I am happy, happy! A happy little bear, For little Kiddle Goat has said He'll come—tra-la-lare!"

So sang Cubby Bear at the top of his voice



NOW HERE, NOW THERE, DR. SQUILLY PORCUPINE AND HIS FAITHFUL HELPER, CUBBY BEAR, WERE

CALLED.

very wise indeed), "are—or is—an un-sup-pu-rative in-flam-ma-tion of the sal-i-va-ry glands."

"Oh, oh, how terrible!" burst from Betty Badger's pale lips. "My poor children! I am sure they will never get well."

that same day, the while he swept the kitchen with the broom Mamma Bruin had made of hemlock boughs tied to a stick.

"What's that you're singing, Cubby?" asked Grandma Bear.

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"Why, little Kiddle Goat has promised me a visit before winter comes, when I shut up in the barn. He may come any beautiful time. Perhaps he may stay a week with me!"

Cubby began sweeping his side of the door, instead of taking it up with

"Ah—ho!" spluttered Wollie. "You were into my eyes—and down my throat!"

"Oh, please excuse me!" said Cubby, brushing you—I am sorry! Come in."

"I cannot stop to come in," answered Dr. Squilly Porcupine. "I have to go to the sick ones, but I will help him. Had you been sick in our Pleasant Forest, Cubby?"

"No. Who is sick—tell me?"

"All the Bunny Babies, and Betty's children, and Wise Owl, and no one else will be the next. Squilly Porcupine is a doctor, you know, and he is so busy he is a helper."

"What is the trouble?" asked Cubby.

"Mumps," answered Wollie. "I have to help with the sick ones, but I don't want to help. I told him I was not a question."

"Mumps," answered Wollie. "No, Wollie are—or is—an un-sup-pu-rative in-flam-ma-tion of the sal-i-va-ry glands."

Cubby looked horrified.

"Oh, is it as bad as that?" he asked.

"Oh, yes! I will help you, but I am along. I do hope everyone will be well before little Kiddle Goat comes to visit."

Then, at a sudden thought, Cubby turned half turned back.

"If I should get mumps, Kiddle Goat would visit me, for he might catch them! But on, just the same! I will not be a doctor. The mumps seemed to have come to the ant Forest to stay."

Almost every day a new case appeared. Busy Beaver was so sick that doctor Beaver sat up with him night and day, and once took off his hat.

Now here, now there, Dr. Squilly Porcupine's faithful helper, Cubby Bear, went till both were so tired they knew not where they were.

Then, one cold afternoon, when the sun shined, and the rain came from the east, Cubby shivered, and felt queer pains in his joints.

"I—I am afraid I am sick, Dr. Squilly," he cried. "And I feel sort of dizzy!"

"You, and too?" groaned Squilly. "You, and to bed! Mamma Bruin will have to do with you. My checkerberry pills were days ago, and Bucky Coon is hunting for a doctor must do something."

Cubby plodded along through the rain and when he reached home, the little streams over Mamma Bruin's door were warm and dry in his little bed at Mamma Bruin and Grandma Bear were ready to do anything they could for his shed bitter tears.

"Is the pain so bad?" asked Mamma.

"No, no!" answered Cubby, "but the I was expecting, dear little Kiddle Goat, not come to see me now!" And he was comforted.

Dr. Squilly came in next day.

"The weather is better today," he said. "The clouds are breaking up, and sunbeams glinting through. My own today is Shinyblack Crow, and he has mump—one side of his face, only, is swollen. The Baby Bunnies and Betty's children today, and they are feeling a bit again, all playing around indoors. Tomorrow the weather is fine, they may go out."

Two days later, there was a knock at the door, and when Mamma Bruin opened it, Cubby called. "I have had the mumps, and I am better!"

"Is Cubby Bear at home? I have come to my promise visit."

Kiddle Goat.

Cubby began to cry.

"Tell him he must not come in, Mamma!" Cubby called. "I do not want him to see my mumps."

But in another moment there was a little hoofs over the floor, and there was Goat at Cubby Bear's bedside.

"I can come in, and I can stay!" called joyfully. "I will take care of you, and you, and tell you stories. And I will be sick—for I have had the mumps, and I am better!"

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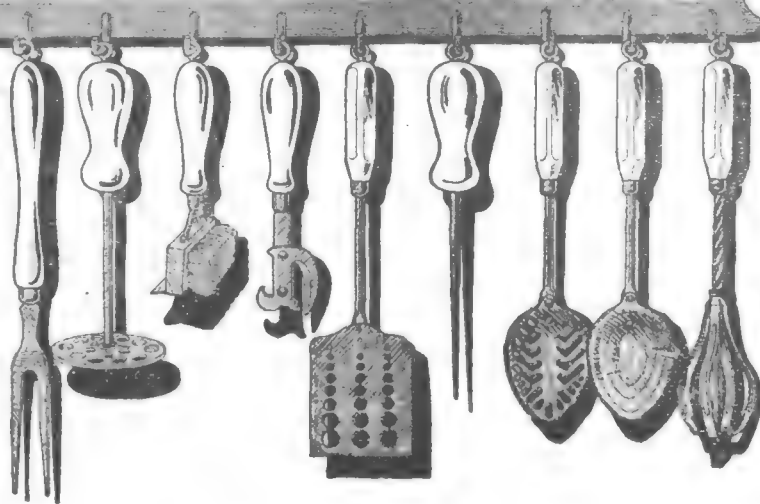
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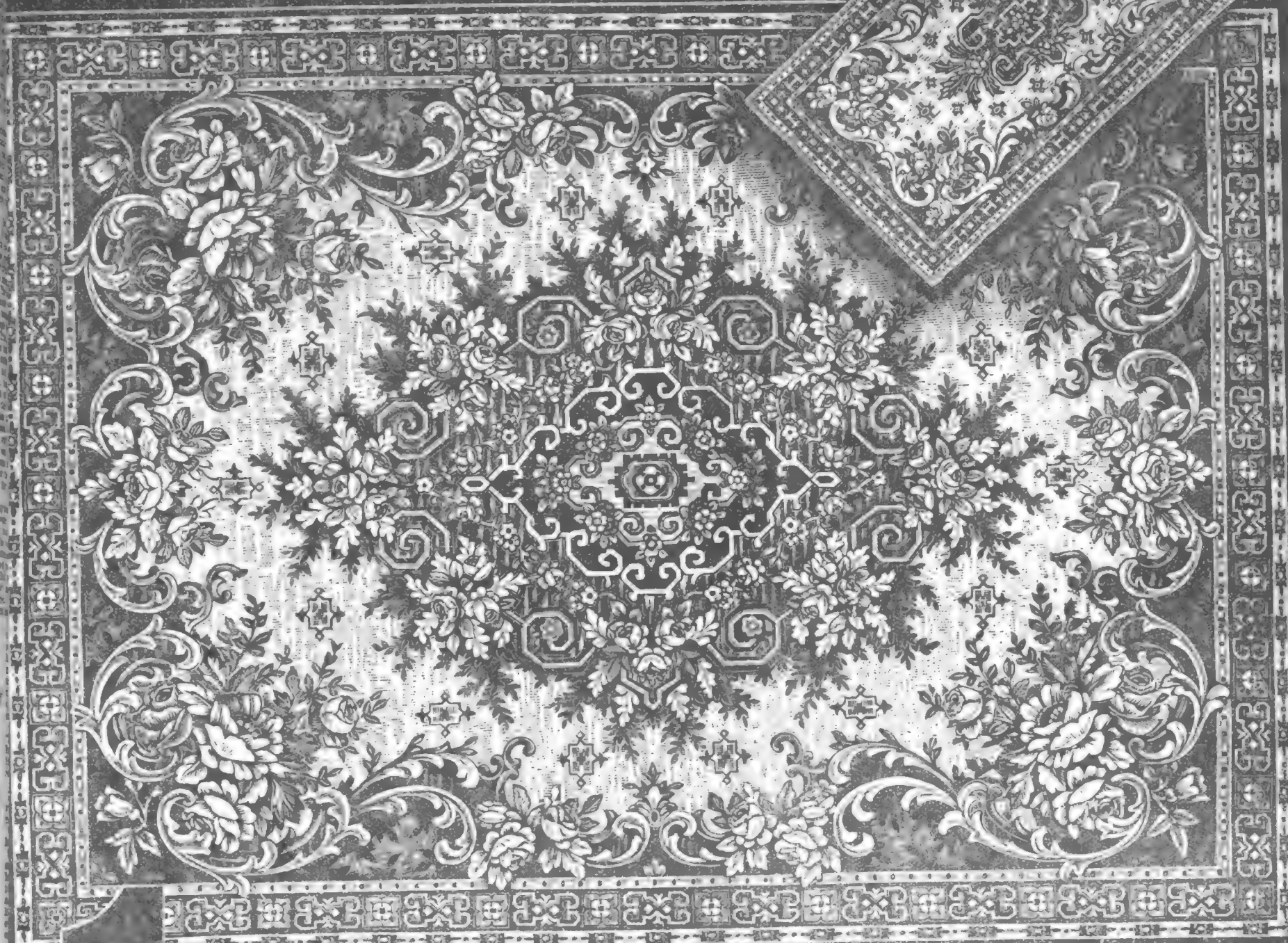
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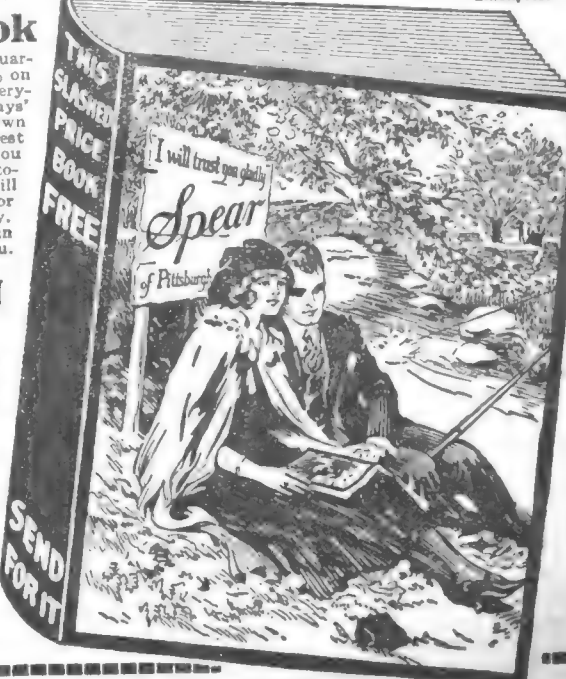
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A Forgotten Love

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sked voice she scarcely recognized made her start. She was alone in her dinner dress, the door she had not dared to refuse to wear. Her throat, had jumped to her feet, terror-struck by her indiscretion.

"I was a fool! I was mad!" she panted, "I had been running. We must go. Now, before I do anything more. You tell me what to do, and I'll do it. I'm not fit to think of anything. Do you mean to take the jewels, or just go?"

"I mean to take everything we can carry, and then all to Scotland Yard," the girl replied slowly, a curious revengeful gleam in her eyes. "Then they will have had all their fun for nothing. That will be the first thing," she said off on her fingers. "Then I mean to go to Lesard and Marchmont, warning them they will leave for England without looking us or trying to molest us in any way we choose. If not, we will tell all we know."

"marriage? Oh, no!" in a frightened whisper. "I laughed, throwing back her head with a stare learned unconsciously from Lesard. "I say we'll tell. I don't know that we can't tell," she returned almost contemptuously. "I think we can bluff them, if we say the first sign of trouble the police shall be sent. And we will find out about everything. For all you know he may have married before."

"Gillian seized her by the arm. "I say it—don't dare!" she cried, with a look that startled Jacky. "Think—think would mean to me. Do anything you say anything, but never talk to me of that. Her voice, that had begun so hard and raised into anguish as she finished. "My eyes filled with tears."

"Gillian! Who wavered this way and fully weak, pitifully strong, and so dear. "Right, Gill," she said gently. "But if tonight there's no time to waste. It's now. Do you think you can pack my bag with the few things we must have for the country there? Then dress yourself. I look out the way for us to go in that book on a shelf. We dare not go by you know, from here. We must catch it ere up the line."

"I can." She unclasped her pearls as she and threw them down on a table. "Oh, you can't think what it will be to get out of house. To leave all he ever gave me behind."

"stily things," assented Jacky bluntly. She picked up a pair of rubbers over her stockings, noiseless things that would not slip on leather.

"are you doing that for?" Gillian, hurried to a serge dress, stopped to stare. "You talk anywhere in those things!"

"going to get the jewels," composedly, "and want to get—my feet wet."

"feet wet! If she slipped once on those stones, enough even to damp the sole of her shoe, there would be no more to say of Hamilton. But she had no idea of telling how dangerous the way was."

"not without me?"

"couldn't help me there, Gill. You must think ready here so that when I come there will be nothing to keep us but changing clothes. If I'm very long—"

"not knowing how to go on. If she were going it would mean that death had come up behind her and laid a hand on her. And then what could Gillian do alone? A moment she was almost tempted to leave, for Gill's sake. And then the thought of Mrs. Fareham's honor came over her, the thought of her own honor, too, which would not be things done."

"I won't be long," she concluded roughly, fumbled something on a piece of paper and on the old writing-case that had been her father's."

"the papers out of that the last thing," she said. "We mustn't forget them. They'll be good packing for the jewels. Give me two boxes, Gill, and that box of matches, and I'll go. I wish you'd take me, it's not right for you to go. You do all the hard parts."

"might be locked out if you came—they lock the side door behind me! You'll have to go down by and see that it's all right. Gill, you can do more up here than with me. I would be no use your waiting in the wet hole in the wall. And you must meet me at the side door to let me know if they are all the way. Mind you pack up in the cupboard so that if anyone came they wouldn't see it."

"n't let anyone see your feet if they meet it. It was odd to see how each one's anxiety for the other. "And do be quick. I shall be dead to death till you're back."

"right!" But suddenly she kissed Gillian. "least pray it's all right," she whispered, as she went.

"met no one in the house or without as she d along in her demure satin gown, with her noiseless feet, and her heart grew steadily as she took a short cut to the pool and wild wall, heedless of the soft rain. After a while there was not so much before her. A level and good courage would make nothing of the by those stepping-stones, and all she had was to remember not to look at the water. Her fingers were quite steady as she struck a light to find the hidden opening, and when she inside she lit her candle almost gaily. Step by step she moved from one stone to the other, used to find how easy it was, though her shook a little when she stood at last on the side. The jewels were hers!

"kny knelt down and rolled away the stones and hid them with strong, deft fingers."

CHAPTER XV.

"PRAY THAT IT'S ALL RIGHT!"

Lesard, returning that afternoon from his stay in what he called "Marchmont's dog-house" had an unpleasant shock. His companion had been sent to London on business two days previously, and he entered his house with a queer feeling of loneliness. In the kitchen, which was also his sitting-room, he forgot such weaknesses. Some one had been there during his absence!

"I kept no servants, and had found the house just as when he left it, and yet his trained maid told him of an intruder, and that not long ago. With a curious lifting of his eyebrows he looked and picked a morsel of clay from the rug and his own chair. It was moist and fresh. It might have been Marchmont or Brookes, he thought thoughtfully. "But somehow I don't know so," and he took an amiable stroll through the house as a man does when he comes home and about to see how things have gone in his absence. If there had been keen eyes anywhere his unconscious, dilatory progress would have seemed a natural and innocent; but he soon satisfied himself that there were none; his visitor, whoever it might be, had gone.

"He was stiff and hungry from his long stay in secret passage, the reason for which had es- even Jacky Hamilton. Some unknown cause made the underground stream rise so swiftly not until midday, when the rain had ceased, it possible to cross it in any way, for the plank staging at the inside mouth of the was completely covered by water; not even and dared to jump to it on the chance of be- whirled off his footing.

"He had no light but one candle, which he promptly put out as he lay down to sleep till the water

should fall. Hungry and cross, he had passed the hours somehow, till, to his joy, the stream fell. It was chance only which had made him put out his light as Jacky watched. He had heard no sounds over the roaring of the stream, and dreamed of nothing as he set off homeward, but his dinner. Yet now, as he cooked it, he was not easy in his mind. Some one had been prying, and it made his thoughts work. He walked round his house once more and found the road by which his visitor had entered.

"The cellar hatch! The devil! Why didn't I think of it?" but yet it reassured him. No one but Marchmont would try that way—unless the detective fool from London! Yet the last thought made him laugh. It was such wasted trouble sending police after him! He was nodding before his fire in a very luxury of warmth when something like an electric thrill ran through him.

"Wide-awake in an instant, he put out his lamp with a carefully sleepy action and moved languidly into the dark hall. There his whole look changed."

"Swift, noiseless, he was at his bedroom window, in the dark, listening. He was certain that the sound of a cautious footstep stealing by the house had roused him from his reverie."

"He seemed to fling his senses of hearing and seeing out into the rainy dark like outposts. An ordinary man would not have discovered anything. Lesard, when he drew back from the window, knew that his house had been watched by a man, who had just taken himself off, satisfied that the tenant of Ashcroft Farm was sitting quietly at home."

"That was our friend, the detective, I'll bet," thought he curiously. "Well, my man, I think I'll give you something to cry for! Also this is no place for me. I don't want any arrests on suspicion. I wonder—"

"An ugly thought came over him, and he laughed, but without noise, till his eyes gleamed in the dark."

"By the Lord, I'll take my share and get out!" he observed to himself. "I'm sick of waiting on a pompos ass like Marchmont; he may fuss for a year before selling a stone—and I want money—and I won't cool my heels here if I'm watched. Not much!"

"His fatigue quite gone, Mr. Lesard put some indispensable things in his pocket and started on a noiseless dog-trot for Hamilton Place."

"He leaped lightly down from the embankment by his short cut, and knelt down by the entrance hole, some twenty minutes after Jacky had crept in there."

"Gillian, on her knees up-stairs, might well "pray that it was all right."

"Jacky Hamilton, working like a beaver, displaced the pile of stones by the light of her candle, stuck on the ground. After ten minutes' work she gave a stifled cry of joy. She was in time, they were all there! The thieves should be robbed and restitution made, and Marchmont and the others should tremble at the nod of a slip of a girl."

"She took one glance at the contents of the belt. Each pocket in it was stuffed with glorious, shining things. But there was no time to look at them. She could only pray that Mrs. Fareham's diamonds were there. Gill would know; she had seen them every night but the night of the ball, when their unlucky possessor had not liked them with her peasant's dress."

"For a moment Jacky was staggered by the size and weight of the belt; it would not go under her bodice as it had under Lesard's coat. She buckled it round her waist, letting it slip to her hips, and fastened her skirt over it. It was not a good place, but it must do, and luckily the belt was too tight to slide bodily to the ground. The bulk of it worried her as she looked back at the entrance, but if she could not get through with it on it would be easy to take it off again. There were more things in the hole among the stones; things in leather cases carefully bestowed; things stuck carelessly in canvas wrappings, damp and mildewed. She bent down over them, a queer figure in her black satin gown to be in that place."

"The candle flame shed a feeble light on the high, vaulted roof, the slimy walls festering with growths of darkness. It gleamed faintly on the smooth swirls and eddies of the black water that was oily for all its swiftness."

"The mouth of the tunnel that led upward to the wine-cellar showed like a blotch of ink. Jacky's face, white with complexion bleach, stood out like a cameo against the whirling blackness of the water behind her."

"Absorbed, she leaned over the pockets. Should she take them, too? They looked like the spoils of years. The wrappings slipped off one under her fingers, and for a long minute she stared. Inside lay a necklace made of stones she had never seen."

"They were clear and black, and they shone with a dreadful, many-colored fire. Somehow they were awful in that strange place at dead of night; she feared them like a living thing that was accursed. She dared not—literally dared not—have such jewels in her possession, even for a night. With noiseless haste she wrapped them up and put them back, piling the big stones over them as they had been piled before she displaced them. Time was going and she had none to spare. But she was not very quick. These strange jewels had shaken her nerve as they gleamed up into her face, evil, full of temptation. The girl felt certain they had been stolen from some wicked woman; the secret of every imaginable crime seemed to lurk in their fiery depths. She tried not to think of them as she placed the top stones carefully in their old order—and the very candle flame reflected in the black water seemed a pale image of them. By instinct she knew they were fabulously valuable, but she had no mind to meddle with such uncanny things."

"Besides," she reflected practically, "they may be Marchmont's own, and I should look well if I found they were. The other things I know about, and I'd better get off with them."

"But at the very edge of the water, with one foot on the first stepping-stone, she paused with a curious feeling that some one was near her. She looked around and saw nothing; yet the terror was on her."

"Suppose Marchmont were coming down to inspect his hoard; was there anywhere to hide? Or must she be caught red-handed with the belt round her waist?"

"Something drew her eyes to the side of the cave nearest the cellar tunnel. There was a rough natural ridge of rock sticking up close to the wall, nearly as high as a man. Suppose there was one of the gang behind it who had watched her every movement."

"I'll know if there is before I go!" she thought, with a kind of grim courage born of fear."

"Candle in hand she marched over to the ridge and peered behind it, standing on her tiptoes. There was no one there."

"Almost faint with relief she turned to go out by the stepping-stones again, and felt the blood leave her heart."

"There was some one coming!"

"With a quick jerk she flung her candle from her into the depths of the stream. In the blackness she scrambled wildly over the ridge of rock and flattened herself behind it till the beating of her heart seemed to echo back from the stone."

"She looked up at the roof. There was no light reflected there, not a sound but the running water, and yet she knew she had stayed too long."

"She slipped her hand to the matchbox in her pocket. It was safe. If the worst came to the worst she would not die in the dark."

"The irony of that thought came suddenly home to her. A glimmer of light was showing over the ridge, very faintly, but surely. If she were caught it would not be in darkness, but the light would not be of her own providing."

"She clenched her hands where she lay motionless, sure it was useless to remain hidden when the light was coming from outside, and from there her own candle must have been plainly visible through those air slits in the wall that she had forgotten like an overconfident fool."

"Without one hope of escape Jacky Hamilton lay watching the growing gleam."

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If whipped cream or stiffly beaten egg white is to be added to Jell-O, chill the Jell-O until it begins to thicken, then fold in the whipped cream or egg, and place on ice.

Canned pineapple produces better results than fresh in Jell-O desserts; if the latter is used, cook it in a thin syrup until it is clear, before adding it to the Jell-O.

When ready to serve Jell-O desserts, dip the mould for a second or two in warm water, taking care that the water reaches to the top of the mould, then arrange a plate over it so that the mould is exactly in the center, and turn plate and mould together. A gentle shake will suffice to unmould the jelly.

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Dissolve a package of Lemon Jell-O in half a pint of boiling water and add half a pint of juice from a can of pineapple. When cold and still liquid whip to consistency of whipped cream. Add a cup of the shredded pineapple. Pour into mould and set in a cold place to harden. Turn from mould and garnish with sliced pineapple, cherries or grapes.

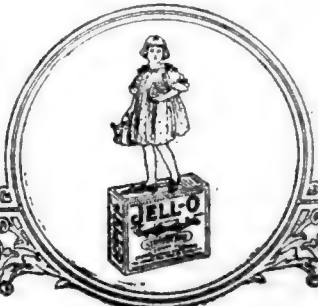
CUSTARD FOR WHIPPED JELL-O

Scald one cup milk in double boiler. Beat yolks of two eggs, add three tablespoonfuls sugar, and pour on the scalded milk. Pour back into double boiler and stir until creamy. Take from the hot water, cool and flavor with one half teaspoonful vanilla.

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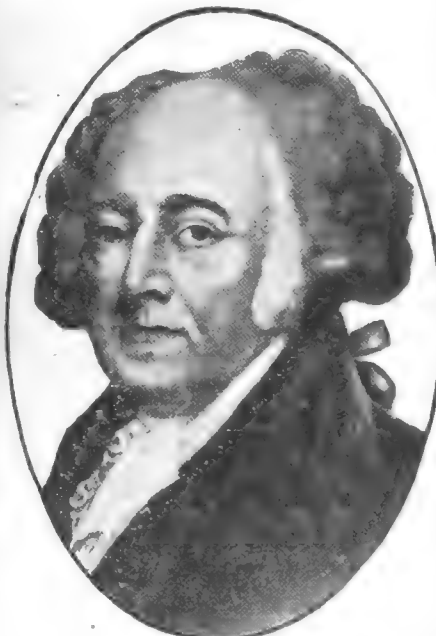
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CONSIDER the Presidents. Most, not all, were church members; and of the denominations one leads all the rest as a contributor of Presidents.

But the contest of the sects is not as close as that of the states. For the proud title, "Mother of Presidents," Virginia and Ohio vie with each other; but Virginia has sent eight sons to the White House, and Ohio only seven. Now change the latter number to six, and you will have the score between the two leading denominations among those wishing to be "Church Mother of Presidents."

In the early days the Episcopalians had the Unitarians as a formidable rival; now their chief competitor is the Presbyterians. The truly imposing Episcopal list consists of Washington, Madison, Monroe, Harrison (William Henry), Tyler, Taylor, Pierce, and Arthur. Since the administration of Arthur the Episcopalians have failed to add any names to their roll.



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Those adherents which may be considered as up and coming strong, are the Presbyterians. They started a bit late with Andrew Jackson; then came, in order, Buchanan, Lincoln, Cleveland, Harrison (Benjamin), and Mr. Wilson. The Unitarians now occupy fourth position with four of their representatives, namely, John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Fillmore, and Mr. Taft.

Five of our Presidents, Polk, Johnson, Grant, Hayes and McKinley, allied themselves with the Methodist faith. Out of the long list just two, Van Buren and Roosevelt, were members of the Reformed Dutch church; and Garfield, was the only Disciple that obtained a lease on the White House.

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What type of a Baptist is President Warren G. Harding? Well, he reads that good old text-book, the Bible. Though strong in the faith, he does not claim for himself such spirituality as was his mother's. He has carried through life the lasting impress of her religious teaching.



ABIGAIL ADAMS, WIFE OF JOHN ADAMS.

"My mother," he has said, "brought us children up to know and love the word of God. To me the Bible has ever been the Book of Books. Nowhere in the English language can such beauty be as is found in the Psalms."

As a Baptist President he is distinctly a newcomer, and the exception. As a Christian President he is the twenty-eighth of the memorable roll, and the rule.

I say twenty-eighth advisedly; for Jefferson is usually considered a free-thinker or liberal, and his religious convictions are sometimes doubted. Jefferson did not mind words when he spoke. He did not always guard himself against being misunderstood. He contended for the separation of church and government, and for the opportunity of the individual to worship as he should wish. There is, I am sure, no crime in either of these activities.

"I proposed," he wrote in 1800 in retrospect at the age of fifty-seven, "the demolition of the church establishment and the freedom of religion. It could only be done by degrees. The act of 1776, chapter 2, exempted dissenters from contributions to the church, and left the church clergy to be supported by voluntary contributions of their own sect; it was continued from year to year and

made perpetual in 1779, chapter 36. I prepared the act for religious freedom in 1777 as part of the revision which was not reported to the Assembly till 1779; the particular law was not passed till 1785, and then by the efforts of Mr. James Madison." He was describing his activities in behalf of the movement for the separation of Church and State in Virginia.

Now compare the foregoing with Jefferson's wise counsel to one of his grandsons. The octogenarian with little more than a year and four months between him and the grave, wrote a three-part letter to be read after his death. The first section, a long paragraph of prose, was followed by "The Portrait of a Good Man of the most Sublime of Poets," and "A Decalogue of Canons for Observation in Practical Life." I can quote only the latter half of the prose.

"Adore God," the venerable author of the Declaration of Independence urged upon the youth. "Reverence and cherish your parents. Love your neighbor as yourself, and your country more than yourself. Be just. Be true. Mourn not at the ways of Providence. So shall the life into which you have entered be the portal to one of eternal and ineffable bliss. And if to the dead it is permitted to care for the things of this world, every action of your life will surely be under my regard. Farewell."

Plainly these are not the words of an unbeliever, for irreligious persons do not write in that style upon such occasions. Jefferson today bears the label of "liberal" merely because he never indicated, at any time in his life, his denominational preference.

If from the presidential roll any one name might be selected as that of a man who did not live in accordance with Christian rules of conduct, it is that of Andrew Jackson. He could do a more realistic bit of swearing than any of his soldiers, and none possessed a hotter temper. He was both undetected and uncultured, rough and rude. Furthermore, he was obstinate as a mule.

Yet almost over night "Old Hickory" changed his ways. Devotedly he loved his wife; and when she died he emerged from the ordeal of the great loss minus his profanity and his coarseness. From that time until his own final breath he used a portion of each evening to thumb through her prayer book and to read the passages she had marked.

Back at his old home "The Hermitage" near Nashville, Tennessee, the aged Jackson hoped the opportunity to hear the stirring sermons of an evangelist or revivalist. He was deeply impressed, so deeply that on a certain morning he solemnly informed his family and friends that he desired to become a Presbyterian. He was admitted and soon made an elder; but he doubted his own ability and therefore did not serve in that capacity. From that date, however, "The Hermitage" was a place of daily worship for the white-haired old warrior and his kindred.

If there was ever a President whose religious convictions could not be denied, that man was Abraham Lincoln. He educated himself by reading the Bible, the works of Shakespeare, and those of Euclid. At the age of twenty-two he wrote a long essay in which he flouted Christianity. It would have been published if a friend had not intervened and thrown the manuscript into a stove. The final part of that essay read: "I am a formalist, a stage hand and not found myself; he also foresaw that the production, if circulated, would snuff out the budding political career. This act alone saved to the world one of its greatest assets."

The religious feeling of "Honest Abe" grew and flowered under stress and in trouble. The history of the Civil War reveals him constantly as a benign, kindly man with a firm faith in God. His remarks to his cabinet, his letters and his speeches are replete with many references to Providence. "Let us not be over sanguine of a speedy triumph," runs a letter which he penned in the autumn of 1863. "Let us be quite sober. Let us diligently apply the means, never doubting that a just God, in his own good time, will give us the rightful result."

In the spring of 1861 he wrote to A. G. Hodges on the subject of emancipation, and of slavery. He closed his missive with this statement: "If God now wills the removal of a great wrong and wills also that we of the North, as well as you of the South, shall pay fairly for our complicity in that wrong, impartial history will find therein our cause, and attest and to reverse the wrong and the goodness of God."

At his second inaugural in March, 1865, he returned to the same vein of thought as that expressed in the foregoing message to A. G. Hodges. With the scourge of war as his theme, he asserted in the true style of the master that he undoubtedly was:

"Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsmen's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, 'The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

And what did he say to Mrs. Bixby, she who had lost five sons on the field of battle? "Pray," he told her from the depths of his own heart, "that our heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement."

Lincoln was filled with religious feeling from the time he first thought of issuing the Emancipation Proclamation to the time when he did so. When the Confederate army was at Fredricksburg and decided to act as soon as it should be driven out of Maryland. "I said nothing to any one," he informed his cabinet shortly afterward, "but I made the promise to myself and to my Maker."

On the twenty-second day of this same September

the President ushered in a meeting of the cabinet by reading a bit of humor from a book by Artemus Ward. In the entire group of leaders, the face of only one, Stanton, remained immobile. After the smiles and laughter had subsided the "Rallsplitter" jumped from the ridiculous to the sublime.

"The rebel army is out of Maryland," he declared in a tone of resolution. "I am going to fulfill the promise I made to myself and God. So I have got you together to hear what I have written down."

Next day the announcement of the forthcoming edict was sent forth. That evening the President was serenaded and asked to speak. He complied. With a few well-chosen words he averred he had taken the step after a very full deliberation and under a very heavy and solemn sense of responsibility; then he humbly told his unexpected callers, "I can only trust in God. I have made no mistake."

That other towering American, George Washington, also relied "confidently on that Providence which has heretofore preserved and been bountiful to me." As a youth he wrote out hundreds of maxims of good behavior and studied them in this formative period until they became the groundwork, the foundation stones, of his career. "The Father of his country" feared God, believed in Christ, worshiped in public and private, and acknowledged divine aid in everything that he accomplished.

His successor, John Adams, was fiery, erratic, and opinionated. When he was inaugurated his wife brought God to give unto him an understanding heart that he may know how to go out and come in before this great people, that he may discern between good and bad. She provided the larger part of the family's religious life; and he followed her example rather lamely.

When he was a boy his parents educated him for the ministry. The twig, however, would not bend as the old bough wished. It persisted in growing in its own way, away from the ministry and toward the law.

"Where," John asked in a dramatic outburst against dogmatic Christianity, "do we find a precept in the gospel requiring ecclesiastical synods, convocations, councils, decrees, creeds, confessions, oaths, subscriptions, and whole cartloads of other trumpery that we find religion encumbered with in these days?"

In this conflict between the hope of a patient and his own inclination the son acted a noble part; for he preserved his respect and also his sincerity. He knew that in a pulpit he would be a misfit, a square peg in a round hole, and certainly never himself. He felt too much resentment for the intolerance and dogmatism that too often obscured, or at least makes difficult, the distinction between true and pseudo Christianity. James Knox Polk was not a Presbyterian though his name has usually been associated with this sect. His wife was a member in good standing, and during his administration he often accompanied her to church. This courtesy gave rise to the common error. Shortly before Polk died he was buried in the cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee. When the friend arrived the sick man asked to be re-buried in the Methodist ranks, and the ceremony was performed.

President with Polk had ample opportunity to observe and learn his character. This man, George M. Dallas, called him "impetuous, industrious, accessible, punctual but also patient, moral without ostentatiousness, and devotional though not bigoted." Polk's political enemies, it must be said, were somewhat less charitable toward him.

At his home in Concord, New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce attended with marked regularity the South Congregational church though he never held any membership therein. In the city of Washington, however, President Pierce quickly transferred his allegiance to the Episcopal denomination and attended the services of that church, but he was never a communicant.

The old Foundry Methodist church which once occupied a corner of Fourteenth and G streets in Washington was the favored place of worship for Rufus B. Hayes and his family. A commentator of that time said that they stood for their religious life hard and fast, and he also described them as "actually living their religion day by day all through the week as well as on Sunday."

This conviction or impression was heightened by Mrs. Hayes's action in banishing all alcoholic beverages from the White House; this, in turn, caused an increase in the number of delegations of reformers that solicited attention and aid.

As an orator James A. Garfield held a conspicuous position. James G. Blaine attributed the earnestness of his style to his familiarity with the Bible and its literature, of which he was a constant student. As principal of Hiram College he participated in the prayer-meetings and preached almost every Sunday. In the neighboring towns he also delivered literary lectures, and public addresses on special occasions.

Young Garfield had a thrilling time after he begged his mother for permission to go to sea and she had compromised by agreeing to the substitution of a life on the river wave for "a life on the ocean wave." "If I may quote the title and principal phrase of the old song, He became a canal boy, and later a member of the crew. He fell in the river fourteen times, the fourteenth episode occurring when he attempted to uncoil a rope in the process of straddling the boat through a lock. The rope slipped and he was hauled in by a lock."

"What saved me that time?" he asked himself as the water trickled from his garments. "God surely does many miraculous things." "God mother's prayers?" She could never forget me. The poet Wordsworth said that the child is the father of the man. Garfield's conduct at home,

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on the battlefield, and throughout his career, certainly demonstrated the same.

A man without a church connection in which he had established his religious devotion to another man, to whom he was a son-in-law, "I wonder," the second of the Presidents once remarked to a friend, "to do justly and to love mercy, to be just with thy God—that is to me a mystery. To be just with all men to those to whom mercy should remain a mystery, and want us to enter the great beyond, I am unafraid—that is my religion."

"The Rough Rider" never was a policy of keeping one's light under a bushel. He had an evident tendency toward a religion in his religious life. When respondent touched upon the fact that he himself could worship with a cigar and a book under a tree,

side a church, Roosevelt agreed to wisdom of such a course.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

By Edna Mary Colman

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RICHLy endowed with the goods of this world, as well as in friends and a devoted family, no one doubts that the illustrious Father of his Country, had fully as much attention paid to the observance of his birthdays, in the bosom of his family, as the most exacting desire. It is a noteworthy fact, that it was not by ed soldiers, nor by admiring citizens that day was first given the distinction of a celebration, but by French officers and men oned at Newport, Rhode Island.

all history there is no prettier story than which is found in the record of the little tonal and the stately dignity and faultless ay with which it was proffered and received ose two great figures which stand out linked her in bravery and gallantry through many e stirring hours of the Revolution.

e intrepid fighter, Comte de Rochambeau, the h Marshal whom America now delights to , was the instigator of this bit of friendly ge to the war-harassed Washington then usly waiting at Windsor for a favorite opny to engage the enemy.

ough the French Count had been in America few months, having been sent over by his nment in 1780 with a force of 6,000 men to e colonies in the struggle for liberty, he conceived a warm friendship for General ington of which he gave abundant proof, not then but upon many a later occasion.

the old Calendar system was then in use, ington's birthday fell upon February 11th at time, but from about 1790 (ten years) February 22nd was the day observed.

eneral Washington was always most modest rning himself, and therefore the Count's letnforming him of the attention given to the of his birth must have been quite gratifying. as dated February 12, 1781, and among other s the Count says:

esterday (Sunday) was the anniversary of Excellency's birthday. We have put off celeing that holiday until today, by reason of the s Day, and we will celebrate it with the sole t that your Excellency be not a witness of usion and gladness of our hearts."

e reply to this cordial epistle, dated Febru- 27th, was written with the dignity and for- ty that characterized all of the great Gen- eral's correspondence and reads:

he flattering distinction paid to the anniver- sary of my birthday is an honor for which I dare attempt to express my gratitude. I confide in Excellency's sensibilities to interpret my ngs for this, and for the obliging manner in h you are pleased to announce it."

he following October brought the surrender of town, the decisive victory of the Revolution. , with the advent of peace and the following eful pursuits, the people had more time to k of celebrations, so that the Fourth of July Washington's Birthday were jointly given the est honors. February 22nd came to take the e, in the hearts of the people, that once had given to the observance of the natal day of English Kings, but which had only been given most perfunctory attention in America for a time prior to the outbreak of the war, except he Tories who adhered to the King with the e reverence that had always been their cus-

When the royal holiday lapsed into total neitude on the conclusion of hostilities and eican victory, the birthday of the great eican leader took its place as a national cele- on.

ew York at once began to prepare for a popu- demonstration for February 22, 1784, which less than three months after the departure e British army from our shores. While rge part of the city was still in ruins and s as the result of the fire of 1776, the devasta- and misfortunes in the wake of the war were aside and the population of the city threw lf wholeheartedly into a jubilation. Church s were taxed to their utmost limit of effort ing out joyful peals and everywhere flags bunting were flung to the breezes. From the fort on the Battery, salutes were fired at re- ent intervals. In the evening an entertainment e given on board an East Indian ship in the or and an old paper of that date describes assemblage of guests as "a very brilliant and eable company." Thirteen cannon were fired all of the exercises of the day were described eing held with "that hilarity and manly de- um ever attendant upon the Sons of Freedom." Thirteen was far from being considered an ucky number in the days of the country's in- cy. Thirteen guns were always fired as a onal salute in honor of the thirteen states t the same number of toasts were the order all of the banquets and feasts. But the cus- of drinking a separate and liberal toast to e state was of a necessity abandoned after the tes began to come into the union so rapidly. e of simple consideration for the limited ca- ty of the diners and drinkers.

oon the celebrations began to assume a politi- aspect, and great rivalry grew up between tions as to who should outdo the other in dis- y of decoration, brave speeches and show of otism.

Among the notable early celebrations of this ent was that of Tammany Hall in 1790, when s association, then called the Society of M- many, was but a year old in organization. t that time Washington was President and was iding in New York, then the nation's capital. er adopting a resolution that the society should s observe February 22nd, the Tammanyites ed to fully use this opportunity to do or and homage to Washington, which they did st royally in speeches and toasts, songs and a ade.

The same year was marked with observance of e birthday of the Father of His Country by a ee number of towns and cities throughout the nd which wished thus to establish a record for moring the new President, and for weeks after- ard the papers were filled with accounts of the rious celebrations.

In 1792, Washington attended the ball given in s honor by the New Dancing Assembly which ld forth in Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. For his Mrs. Washington also donned her best bib d tucker and accompanied him. Other guests t distinction who participated in the festivities e the evening were Vice President John Adams d the French Minister and other prominent of- cials.

The ladies attending added largely to the en- oyment of the event by the unique manner of isplaying various popular public sentiments. hese were wrought in gold letters and arranged a their head-dresses. Later a banquet was served o which the President and Lady Washington re- mained, but when half the toasts were drunk, he rose and drank a toast to the health of the com-

pany and departed with his wife leaving the rest of the company to make merry as long as they liked. This was in accord with his habit of retiring early.

One of the toasts of this evening was as follows:

"The daughters of Columbia, may their virtues insure respect, their charms awaken love and Hy-men crown them with domestic bliss."

In 1798 New York observed the 65th birthday with appropriate ceremonies. Beginning at ten o'clock a salute of cannon was fired and in the evening nearly five hundred people, men and women attended a grand ball and supper at the Tontine Assembly Rooms on Broadway. Here Washington's full length portrait was displayed.

Harvard college is on record as having also given to this day a most enthusiastic celebration. One of their toasts which is worthy of note as they evinced a consideration for the comfort of the public at large by cheering in pantomime, reads:

George Washington, a man brave without temerity, laborious without ambition, generous without prodigality, noble without pride, virtuous without secrecy. Three cheers in pantomime for fear of disturbing the peace."

In 1799 the last birthday during the lifetime of the beloved general was celebrated with customary joyous festivities, but never in the history of the nation has there been such a day of mourning as marked February 22nd, 1800. This was a day of grief and sorrow all over the land.

The President issued a proclamation in accordance with the resolution of congress, "that it be recommended to the people of the United States to assemble on the twenty-second day of February, next in such numbers and manner as may be convenient, publicly to testify to their grief for the death of General George Washington, by suitable eulogies, orations and discourses and that the President be requested to issue proclamation for the purpose of carrying the foregoing resolution into effect."

The New York State Society of Cincinnati marched in a body to the New Dutch Church, and the clergy, mayor and all prominent officials attended. The people were overwhelmed with grief and all were in tears. Reverend Mr. Simms delivered an oration that moved all hearers to tears and the papers of the day in their accounts called it a message from the tomb of Washington.

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When all the packages had been sold and the balloting completed, the May Queen was crowned and the children gave a short May-Day program. The evening wound up with dancing.

Our club gives a number of social events during the year and I am always glad to know new suggestions.

Sincerely, J. E. S.

GAINES, W. Va.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have often wanted to write to this corner but fear of the waste-basket has kept me silent.

Mrs. H. V. Long wrote an interesting letter. Here is an idea for a party that you may like, it is called a Backward Party. Guests come dressed backward, hair combed backward, coats, collars, waists skirts, etc., on backward. Go backward up the back stairs in to the back door. Converse back to back, greet your friends with good by and leave them with How do you do? Sing "Good Night, Ladies" the first thing. Serve the dessert first and the heartier part of the supper last. But lettuce leaves on top of salad, pass napkins after food is served, etc. For anyone who violates the rules here are a few suggestions for forfeits. Sing a lullaby to a sofa cushion, give your opinion of the League of Nations, act what the doctor did the last time he came to see you, show how you look and act when you are trying to flirt.

Here is another game that is interesting for young people. Any number of couples may play. Each man has a partner and they stand in two double lines. Each girl has a plate on which are twenty-five raisins and a toothpick. At a given signal the girls who head the lines begin to feed their partners the raisins, using the toothpicks for spearing the raisins and feeding each one separately. As soon as either couple finishes they must sing one verse and chorus of some popular song and at the end of the song the next couples begin. The line that finishes first wins.

I am five feet, four inches tall, weigh 140 pounds, have dark hair and eyes and my nose turns straight up. Married? No, and I'm very happy.

I live in the Panhandle State and like it very much.

A COMFORT Sister,

TERRE HAUTE, 929 So. 19th St., IND.

DEAR COMFORT FRIENDS:

I've been a constant reader and lover of COMFORT for a long time and simply devour every word of it, particularly the sisters' letters. I have received many helpful suggestions and hints from the letters but never have seen one from a sister who belonged to a Parent and Teacher Association or talked of it. In Terre Haute we have thirty-four associations. A Parent and Teacher Association or Club is a club made up of the teachers of a certain school and all of the patrons, organized, to better conditions for the child by their cooperation. It seems to me that no club can create a better feeling of fellowship and a better community spirit than can the P. T. A.

The meetings should be held in a schoolhouse; there are conditions which daily surround the child may be seen and remedied if necessary. Then too, when parents meet their children's teachers and become acquainted with them and learn to know and like them, the child will take pride and interest in his school. He will do better work.

A P. T. A. will awaken a neighborhood and make everyone interested in the school and community.

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All our school associations are organized under one big form, called a Council which meets once a month, as should each individual club. Then we have a round table talk which is for the good of the child. At present I am acting president of the Mont Rose Parent and Teacher Association and vice-president of our Council. There is a great deal of work to it but a greater amount of good is being done.

As to the social side of it, we all have jolly times, with lunches, entertainments and sometimes get acquainted with our next door neighbors. You know, in large cities, it is a rare thing to know your neighbors.

I have one boy, twelve years old. He is interested in the P. T. A. and likes to have me visit his school. I think it would be a good thing for each sister who does not have a P. T. A. in her school to get busy and organize one. You will be surprised at the help you will get.

Good by for this time.

MRS. LOUISE NEWLAN DENEHIE.

PENNSYLVANIA.

DEAR FOLKS:

I couldn't help but sound my trumpet when I read the letter from Jeff, Malvern, Iowa. She asks about raising one child alone, and I want to say to her "Don't!" with a capital D, and don't forget to under-core it. There are many reasons for not doing it. You want your child to be like other people, but if she is raised alone, I am afraid such will not be the case. Think over the people of your acquaintance and see if there isn't an almost indescribable "something" about the ones that were raised by themselves that brand them differently from the ones that were in larger families. In almost every instance they are more selfish, thoughtless, and self-willed. This is because they have never had to give up anything and things usually go the way they want them. And then the loneliness—the many hours they have to spend alone, for Mother has other things to do besides play. Few people realize just how lonely a child can be. I am an only child and have a good home, but that has never quite made up for my loss of companionship. I have many friends, but still there is a difference. You may give your child every advantage, but it will not quite take the place of companionship.

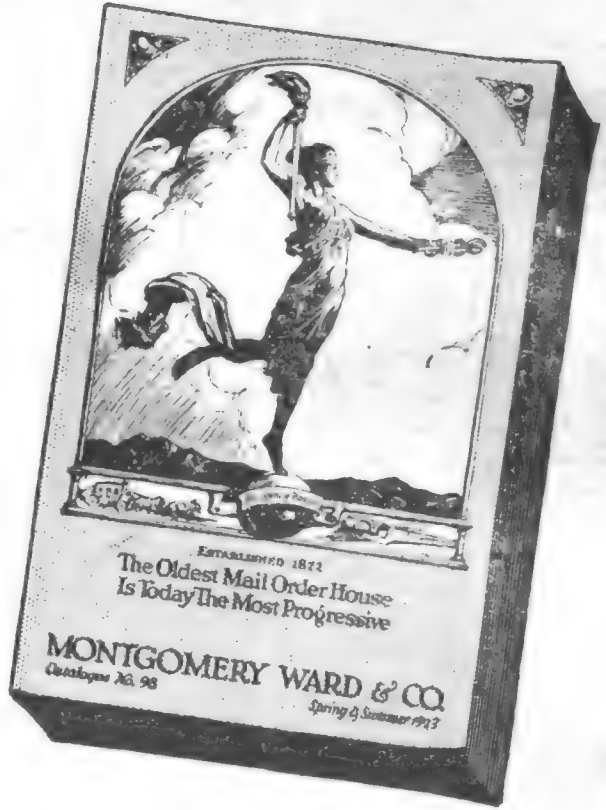
There have been some wonderful letters written in reply to "Worried Mother," but I think one of the best came from "One of That Sort." She certainly painted the picture true to life. I would not marry "Worried Mother's" son or any other mother's son under those conditions. And if that girl does, I am afraid she will regret it. You know it was all her fault; the boy was perfect gentleman and all that. If he does marry her, it is not at all likely that he will be good to her. Such is quite often the case. If I were that girl, I would

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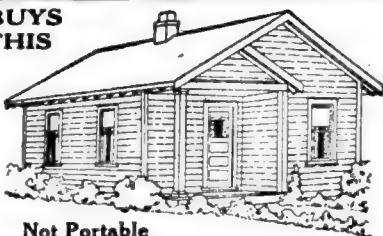
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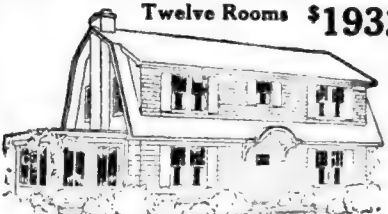
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The "President's Cottage"

By Louise Gunton Royston

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THIS historic little house is the oldest building on the grounds of the U. S. Soldiers' Home in Washington, D. C. It was originally a farmhouse and was sold with the 500 acres of land later comprising the grounds of the U. S. Soldiers' Home, which Gen. Winfield Scott founded in 1851. The house was used as a dormitory by the first soldier inmates of the Home, and was later used as a summer residence by several Presidents of the United States. President Buchanan occupied it in the summers of 1856 to 1860; President Lincoln in 1861 to 1864, a few months previous to his assassination on April 14, 1865; President Hayes in 1877 to 1880, and President Arthur in 1881 to 1884. President Garfield was making all preparations to occupy the house for the summer of 1881, when he was brutally assassinated on July 2, 1881.

President Lincoln was occupying the house in the summer of 1864, during the siege of Washington, when an army of 20,000 men under Gen. Early was sent to capture the city but was

forces under General Beauregard, April 12, 1861, which was the event which marked the beginning of the Civil War. The fort remained in possession of the Confederates until the capture of Charleston compelled its surrender and the United States flag was again raised over Fort Sumter on April 14, 1865, by General Anderson.

The handsome old stove which still does service is built in the wall of the kitchen of the house. The portion of the building at the extreme right end under the small gable is the kitchen. It was undoubtedly used by Mrs. Lincoln and servants, and by the wives and servants of the other Presidents during the years they spent in the house. Indeed, it would not be hard to imagine that President Lincoln himself may have done a little cooking on it at times during those troublous days.

This historic house is now again used as a dormitory for some of the Civil War veterans. It is surrounded by miles and miles of beautiful scenery, and overlooks the city of Washington from a high elevation, the nation's Capitol and Washington's Monument plainly looming up in the distance three miles away.

The garden house, used by President Lincoln



THE "PRESIDENT'S COTTAGE" OCCUPIED AS SUMMER HOME BY LINCOLN AND OTHER PRESIDENTS.

routed by Gen. Sheridan. The house is further associated with President Lincoln, for it was here under its roof that he spent many of the soul-trying days of his administration, working with untiring patience for the preservation of the Union. In the upper corner room with the two windows under the big gray gable, at the left end of the building, is where he wrote his famous "Emancipation Proclamation," by which over 10,000,000 negroes in the United States are now free men. A letter written to Horace Greeley from here contains many thoughts on this great problem. Among other things he said:

"If there be those who would not save the Union unless at the same time save slavery, I don't agree with them. If there be those who would not save the Union unless at the same time they could destroy slavery, I don't agree with them. My paramount object is to save the Union. If I could save the Union by freeing all the slaves, I would do it. If I could free some and leave others alone, and thus save the Union, I would do that. What I do regard as slavery, I do because I believe it will help save the Union, and what I forbear, I forbear because I think it will help save the Union. I will do less whenever I feel what I am doing hurts the cause, I will do more whenever I feel doing more will help the cause."

The house was known as the "President's Cottage" and the "Mansion House" until 1888, when it was given the name of "Anderson Cottage," in honor of Brig. Gen. Robert Anderson of Fort Sumter fame, in appreciation of his interest and efforts in behalf of the soldiers and in the establishment of the U. S. Soldiers' Home, and also on account of his general brilliant record as a soldier. Fort Sumter was associated with both the beginning and the end of the Civil War, and was bravely defended by General (then Major) Anderson against an attack on the national flag by overwhelming Confederate

and others, is situated a few yards to the right of the "President's Cottage." It was built about 1858 from the trunks of red cedar wood and wild grape-vine branches. The artistic, curling twigs of the grape-vine branches give a beautiful lacy effect. Its shady recesses now afford a favorite retreat for soldiers living in the Home. At the left of this garden house you can catch a glimpse of the clock tower on Scott Building, from which President Lincoln and Mrs. Lincoln watched the advancing army coming up from the valley to attack Washington during the summer of 1864.

When General Winfield Scott founded the U. S. Soldiers' Home in 1851, he said to the soldiers: "Boys, we are going to have a home on these beautiful grounds, but there can be no home without a chapel." Consequently the little chapel was built in 1851 at the time the Home was founded. President Lincoln and other illustrious residents of the Home have from time to time worshipped here. The little chapel is built of Seneca stone, and is almost entirely surrounded by beautiful, shady trees. Protestant and Catholic services are both held here, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The little monument at the right of the chapel was erected by the enlisted men of the army of the Civil War in memory of Henry Wilson, who did a great deal for the soldiers. There is an inscription on one side of the monument which reads: "The Soldiers' Friend."

Henry Wilson was born Feb. 16, 1812. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1855, serving three terms. He became an abolitionist in 1835, and during his career in the Senate was a fearless opponent of slavery, and was a close friend of Charles Sumner. He was elected Vice President of the United States in 1872, on the ticket with General Grant. He died in Washington, D. C., Nov. 22, 1875, while still Vice President.

Comfort's League of Cousins
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Ruth, you do sling the verbal pepper-crut, I'll say! Gus, the Talcum Tenser, and Jack, the Girl Girouche, will be sure to sit up and squirm a bit when they read your snappy paragraphs. As for Jack, he will probably avoid Minnesota for the rest of his unmitigated life—fearing that you might force him to recruit. And, Gus, if he agrees to take any lessons from you in enjoying girls' company, will be sure to insist, for the sake of "safety first," that the course be given by mail. After having built up this girl-despising reputation, Ruth, you may be sure that Gus and Jack, the Talcum Twists, are not going to have it all destroyed by you and your feminine wiles.

I may be an old-fashioned Uncle, Ruth, but I do not like bobbed hair. It is not beautiful. If "blessed freedom" is all that is craved, why not let your locks entirely off? Even fingers would be unnecessary as combs then! Through the ages her hair has been a glory and crown to woman. The uniformity of bobbed hair the lack of suggestion—these are all valid objections to the bobbed or unbobbed cousins say about it.

But as you think Jack is, Ruth, I am pretty sure you, too, are "set." If you want to powder your nose and bob your hair, you'll keep right on bobbing and powdering no matter what your old bald-headed, shiny-nosed Uncle thinks about these things. Anyway, I'll wager you've got unclipped brains under that bobbed hair and behind that talcum little nose piece. Most men are "skered" of brains in a girl, Ruth. Have you noticed this in the course of your wise Minnesota musings?

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS:
I'm a little girl eleven years old. I have blue eyes and brown hair. I have five brothers; the youngest is five months old. He can laugh and coo. We have a pet cat—his name is Tom. Once we found him catching chickens, so we are going to carry him away. I have some other pets: there are some rabbits and a dog.

Your niece, EMMA JANE.
Emma Jane, of all your five brothers I'm sure I would like the youngest the best. For he can laugh and coo. There never was a more charming little fellow nor one of more real importance to the welfare of mankind. We should all be careful to laugh and coo as early as possible in life and keep up the happy process so long as breath will allow. Why just think if the Kaiser, who may be supposed to have cooed once upon a time in his Potsdam cradle, had just kept howling like a joyous gurgling through later life. Or just suppose that all Europe today was a laughing and a-cooing instead of making ugly faces and

noises—why what a different world we might have! It would even affect the price of exchange if international bankers took a laughing and cooing course. Yes, Emma Jane, your baby brother has started out in the right way and you must see that he keeps nobly on in the way he has begun. It might be a good thing to have an amendment to the Constitution commanding every citizen to laugh and coo at least two hours every week-day and four hours on Sundays. I would like to see such an amendment put to vote. All our Happy Bunch would be for it I know!

SOMEWHERE IN THE WEST.

Here I add a brand-new relative. Uncle, you tell your Billy I am a red-haired giant and a sure shot with my distance up to 250 millimeters. I guess that will hold him for a while, so here's the real dope: I am 41 years old and have finished my junior pounds. I have rather dark hair and weigh 165 lbs. I have a double-reinforced kidney and gray eyes. I have known you for some time. I have read a good many of the letters and among those I remember particularly was one from Texas which told about swimming and 110 degrees in the shade. Also one from Illinois which mentioned mud-balling and washing, and clear-out features. I dearly love clear-out features. Ruth's letters and also one each from Cousin Jack and girl named Ruth and she is a top-notch. However, I guess we can't accuse Cousin Ruth of being old-fashioned. Just see what she is trying to do: flirt with the tall, dark, curly-haired, handsome cowpunchers of cowboy hat and leather cuffs—poor Ruth would be on whom her ardent gaze first rested happened to be "hittin' for the tall timber" and had a six-gun added to his other attractions, and then walked right by without even looking at her, she'd have the "Ugly American" know you're pretty as a picture even if you are only 29 (or is it 37) years old.

As for Jack and Gus, I'd like to know that pair. They certainly are real men and not the type that are responsible for the modern flapper. I think they're wrong about the powder, though. For my part, if I world, she'd need more than anything else in the defense; she'd have to say "no" very firmly and very her of my presence—and then I'd give her fair warning so she could change her mind if she wanted to. Gee whiz! What do you boys want, anyhow?—a permanent smile ought to satisfy you without trying to powder over night, it wouldn't make a bit of difference in their characters, and you couldn't tell the bad

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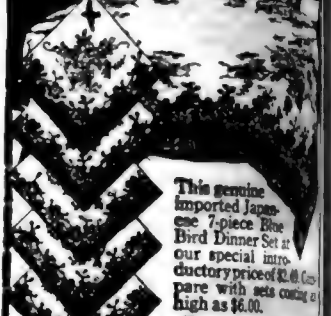
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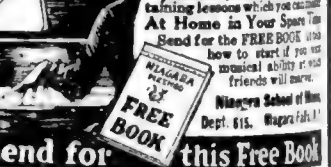
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Comfort's Knitting and Crocheting

Puff Ball Insertion

USING white mercerized crochet cotton No. 30 and No. 10 steel crochet hook, begin work with a chain 68 stitches.

1st row—1 d c in 4th st from hook, ch 1, 2 d c in same st, ch 2, skip 2, 1 d c in next, making 1 space, repeat, making 20 more sps, 2 d c, ch 1, 2 d c, in the last st, ch 5, slip st in 3rd ch st to form picot, turn.

2nd row—Shell of 2 d c, ch 1, 2 d c worked under ch 1 between 4 doubles. Ch 2, 1 d c on d c, 5 d c in 2nd sp, turn work, insert hook in top of first of 5 d c and draw loop of 5th d c through, ch 1, 1 d c on d c beyond second sp in the first row. This completes 1 puff ball over a sp, directions for which will not be given again. 3 sps, 1 blk (2 d c on d c with 2 d c under ch between), 1 sp, 3 blks (10 d c), 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 puff ball, 1 sp, 1 shell, work under ch 1, ch 5, 1 picot, turn.

3rd row—1 shell, 2 sps, 1 puff ball, pushing the stitches back, so that the puff will come on the same side as in last row, then catch first and fifth doubles together as directed. 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 5 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 puff ball, 2 sps, 1 shell, ch 5, 1 picot.

4th row—1 shell, 1 sp, 1 puff ball, 1 sp, 1 puff ball, 3 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 puff ball, 1 sp, 1 puff ball, 1 sp, 1 shell, ch 5, 1 picot.

5th row—1 shell, 2 sps, 1 puff ball, 1 sp, 1 puff ball, 3 sps, 5 blks, 3 sps, 2 puff balls with 1 sp between, 2 sps, 1 shell, ch 5, 1 picot.

6th row—1 shell, 1 sp, 1 puff, 1 sp, 1 puff, 1 sp, 1 puff, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 puff, 3 sps, 3 puffs with sps between. 1 sp, 1 shell, ch 5, 1 picot.

7th row—1 shell, 2 sps, 3 puffs with sps between, 2 sps, 1 blk on blk, 1 sp, this is center of pattern. Finish row to match first half. Turn with p, ch as before.

8th row—1 shell, 1 sp, 4 puffs with sps between, 2 sps, 1 blk. This is center. As both sides of pattern are alike directions will now be given for each row only to the center.

9th row—Same as 7th row.

10th row—Same as 6th row.

11th row—Same as 5th row.

12th row—Same as 4th row.

13th row—Same as 3rd row.

14th row—Same as 2nd row.

The puff balls forming half diamonds on either side of the pattern are now completed.

15th row—1 shell, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 puff. This is center of the insertion. Repeat from 1 sp.

16th row—1 shell, 2 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 puff, 1 sp, repeat from puff.

17th row—1 shell, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 puff, 1 sp, 1 blk in center. Repeat.

18th row—1 shell, 2 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 puff, 1 sp. Repeat from 1 puff.

19th row—1 shell, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 puff. Repeat from 1 puff.

20th row—1 shell, 1 sp, 1 puff, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp. Repeat from 3 blks.

21st row—1 shell, 2 sps, 1 puff, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 5 blks, repeat from 1 sp.

22nd row—1 shell, 1 sp, 1 puff, 1 sp, 1 puff, 3 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, repeat from 1 blk.

23rd row—1 shell, 2 sps, 1 puff, 1 sp, 1 puff, 3 sps, 5 blks, repeat from 3 sps.

24th row—1 shell, 1 sp, 1 puff, 1 sp, 1 puff,



Up and Saucer block submitted by Louisa Nott. This is an old and effective pattern for combining light and dark pieces.

1 sp, 1 puff, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, repeat from 1 blk.

25th row—1 shell, 2 sps, 1 puff, 1 sp, 1 puff, 1 sp, 1 puff, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, repeat from 1 blk.

26th row—Same as 8th row.

27th row—Same as 7th row.

28th row—Same as 6th row.

29th row—Same as 5th row.

30th row—Same as 4th row.

31st row—Same as 3rd row.

32nd row—Same as 2nd row.

33rd row—1 shell, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 puff, repeat from 1 sp.

34th row—1 shell, 2 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 puff, 1 sp, repeat from 1 puff.

35th row—1 shell, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 puff, 1 sp, 1 blk, repeat from 1 sp.



Album Quilt block submitted by Mrs. Akla Greer. This pattern is of two colors only, squares and half squares, being arranged as pictured.

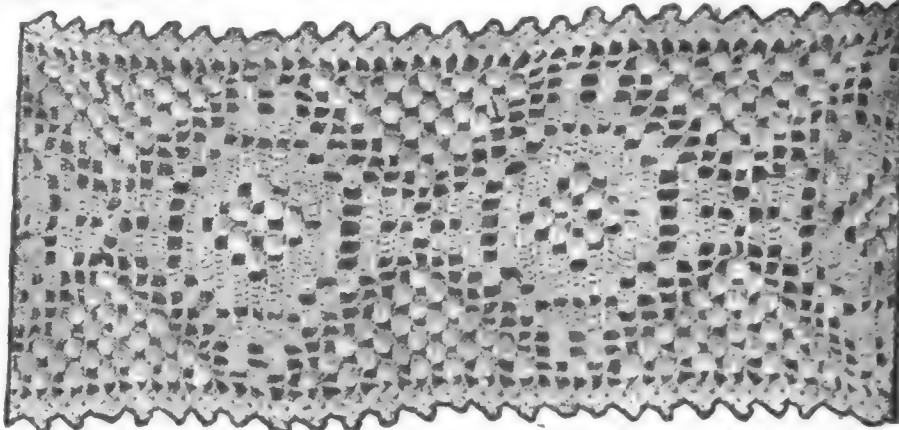
36th row—1 shell, 2 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 puff, 1 sp, repeat from 1 puff.

37th row—1 shell, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 puff, repeat from 1 sp.

38th row—Same as 2nd row.

39th row—Same as 3rd row.

40th row—Same as 4th row.



PUFF BALL INSERTION.

41st row—Same as 5th row.

42nd row—Same as 6th row.

43rd row—Same as 7th row.

44th row—Same as 8th row.

Continue repeating the row in this way until insertion is the desired length.

In working this pattern care should be taken to have the puff balls all stand out on the one side, thus making a right and a wrong side to this pattern.

To do this the 5 doubles which make the puffs are pushed forward in one row and backward in the next row, before one catches the first and last doubles together as explained in the 2nd row.

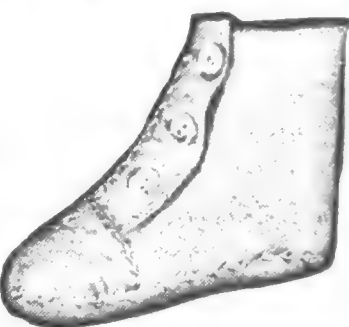
Hot Plate Covers

Pattern No. 1

Of No. 30 white crochet cotton ch 5, turn, 4 s c on ch, ch 5, turn, 4 s c on ch, 4 s c on s c, working through back loop only of each st, ch 5, turn. Now repeat by adding ch 5 to end each row until 34 sts in row. Make three rows without increase on 34 sts, then decrease 5 sts at end each row until 4 sts only, turn, 4 s c, ch 5, slip st to point in completed diamond.

Repeat work, joining to four inside points. Make eight sections in all. In last one join at both sides to complete circle. Make one row singles around center.

To fill in outside border, begin on 1st outside point, ch 7, 1 d c on next point, ch 4, 1 d c, repeat on four points, ch 2, 1 d c on end, ch 2, 1 d c, end next row, ch 2, 1 d c in side same row * ch 4, 1 d c, repeat from * six times. Work around to start, join. Ch 1, turn, 1 s c in each st, 3 s c in corners, join, ch 1, turn. Repeat last round, working through back loop each stitch. Next row, decrease two or more stitches in curve of each point to keep work flat. Join. For spaces, fasten thread in right-hand corner of point, ch 5, 1 d c in same st, ch 2, skip 2, 1 d c. Make 4 sps on each point. 2 d c in each corner with ch 3 between, 6 sps on side of point, omit ch, 1 d c in 2nd st on side next point, ch 2, 1 sp on 2nd point, turn, 6 sps over 6 sps, turn, slip st over 1st sp, ch 5, 5 sps on sps, 1 d c into side 2nd point, 1 more sp on



BABY'S WHITE SHOES.

2nd point, turn, 4 sps, turn, slip st, over 1 sp, ch 5. Continue to work in this way until top 2nd point is reached. 2 d c in corner with ch 3 between. Repeat around each point. Last round on outside. 1 sp over each sp on each point, and 1 d c in corner each sp between points, with ch 3 between; 3 rows all spaces, ch 2 between; 1 row sps, ch 1 between. In last sp run narrow tape or cord for tying.

Pattern No. 2

To be made of white and a color. With color ch 5, join, 10 s c in ring, join, ch 1, 2 s c in each st, join, ch 1, 1 s c in 1st st, 2 s c in 2nd st, repeat, join, ch 1, 1 s c in each two first sts, 1 s c in 2nd st. Next row the same. White, 1 s c in 2 sts, 2 s c in 3rd st, make 4 rounds of white, 1 of color, 4 white, 1 color, 4 white, 1 color, 2 white, in each round increase as is necessary to keep work flat.

Border

Of color selected, work 1 s c in each st, join, ch 4, skip 1 st, 1 s c, ch 1, skip 1, 1 s c, repeat, join, 1 slip st in 1st sp, ch 5, 1 slip st in 3rd st, repeat, join * 3 s c under chain, ch 4, form picot, 3 s c, 7 s c in next loop. Repeat from *.

Knitted Cover

No. 12 knitting cotton, worked on No. 10 steel needles makes firm, pretty work. Cast on 36 sts or enough to make 6 inch strip.

1st row—Knit plain.

2nd row—Purl.

Repeat these 2 rows twice more.

Knit next 2 rows.

9th row—Increase 1 st by knitting back and front of the first st, k to end, k last 2 sts together.

10th row—K each st.

11th row—Increase 1 st, k last 2 sts together.

12th row—K each st.

13th row—Increase 1 st, k 3, k 2 tog over, k 2, k 2 tog, o, k 2, k 2 tog, o, k balance of sts, k last 2 sts tog.

14th row—Purl.

15th row—Knit.

16th row—Purl.

Knit 6 rows, increasing one end and decreasing the other.

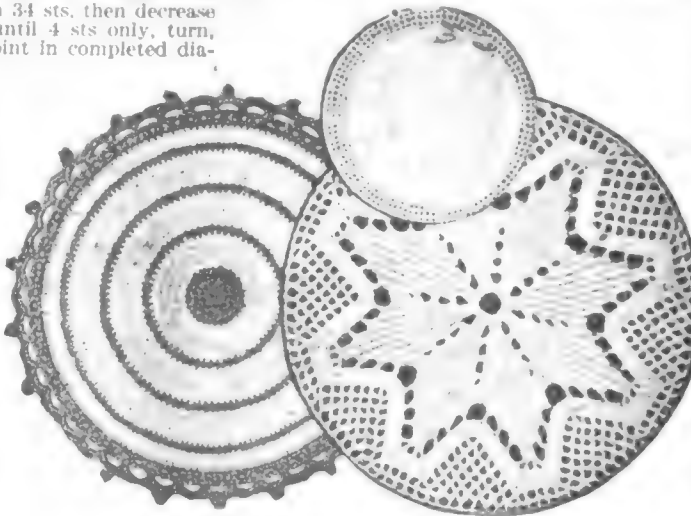
In next purled strip make only 2 holes and in the third strip 1 hole.

Continue work until one has 8 purled and 8 knitted strips, then after working last row in knitted strip pick up 1 stitch for each row along the decreased ends of the work, turn, and purl, repeating work from 2nd row.

Sewed gores or divisions make a mat.

Baby's White Shoes

A warm little home-made shoe can be cut and sewed by hand of either white flannel or kid.



No. 2. HOT PLATE COVERS. No. 1.

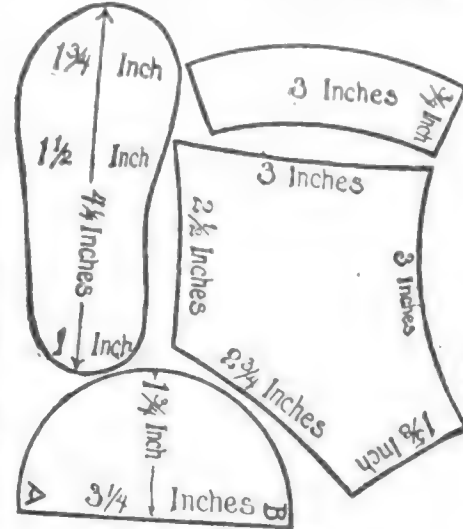
The size and shape of the four pieces necessary is given in diagram for shoe. Cut a pattern for each part of paper first.

The sole should be four and one-half inches long, the width across the toe one and three-quarter inches, across the instep one and one-half inches, and from here sloped into about an inch across the heel. The top of the toe practically one-half of a circle one and three-quarter inches by three and one-quarter inches in size. The circular edge being joined to the top of the sole.

Two pieces are cut for the sides, shaped as shown according to the dimensions given.

The little three-inch curved piece sews to the center of the front and is buttoned over with three pearl buttons.

After cutting all the different parts, join the back seam of the two sides, then to center front of one side join the buttonhole flap. In this work three buttonholes to fit small pearl



DIAGRAMS FOR BABY'S SHOE.

button. From the bottom of this flap button-hole up the outside edge and around the top of both sides. Feather stitch down the front seam. Now join straight edge A to B in diagonal the full width of the buttoned flap over. Fold together by front and seams, pin center of toe and heel of sole to points on the edge opposite the front and back seams.

Overcast edges together, on the inside turn and finish by feather stitching over the seam.

The wrist of white kid gloves can be used in this way to make a pair of shoes or if one

has to purchase material even, the inexpensive, as a quarter of a yard, make three pairs.

Work with blue or pink twisted silk, decorating the top of the shoe with French knots or a lazy-day-stitch.

Wide Edging

Ch 60 sps, turn.

1st row—1 d c in 9th st from hook, next 9 sts, * 1 sp, 10 d c, 7 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.

2nd row—1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 10 sps, 3, turn.

3rd row—2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 10 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.

4th row—Same as 2nd row, ch 1.

5th row—Same as 1st row to 10 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 7 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, turn.

6th row—1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 6 sps, 1 s c in 4th d c, ch 3, 1 d c in 5th d c, blks over sp, blks and sp in last row.

7th row—2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, turn.

8th row—Same as 6th row.

9th row—Same as 5th row.

10th row—Same as 2nd row.

11th row—Same as 3rd row.

Repeat pattern for desired length.

Beading with Fan Edge

Ch 20 sts, turn.

1st row—3 sps, ch 3, 4 d c in 3rd st, slip st in end stitch of ch, ch 3, turn.

2nd row—1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, all worked between 3rd doubles in 1st row, ch 3, 3 sps, turn.

3rd row—3 sps, ch 4, 2 d c in 3rd st,



BEADING WITH FAN EDGE

tween worked between 2nd and 3rd doubles in last row.

Ch 3, 2 tr c with ch 2 between, ch 3, work 2 more groups of trebles between trebles, 3 s c under center plate row with spaces, turn and repeat.

Insertion and Scallop Edge

Ch 21 sts.

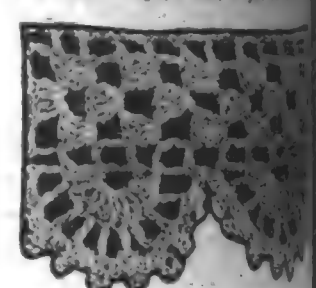
1st row—2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

2nd row—1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 5, turn.

3rd row—2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, end sp of 2nd row, ch 3, slip st to row, turn.

4th row—15 d c under ch 5 of 3rd row, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

5th row—2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.



INSERTION AND SCALLOP EDGE

c, ch 3, skip d c, 1 d c on the next, repeat 8 more doubles, ch 2, 1 slip st, ch, turn, 3 s c in a sp, ch 5 for second sp, 1 p, repeat around, ch 2, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5. Repeat pattern.

Little Doll's Woolen Suit

Children love lots of dolls and are especially fascinated. An inexpensive one of about four inches is very dressed in a little crocheted and knitted clothes.

These may be made so they can be taken and put on as easily as those of rag dolls, and this feature alone will appeal to little girl.

Twofold Saxony is best for the tiny and threefold for the dress and jacket.

The color combinations which are for these wee garments are many and versa. White with either light blue or pink. Crisp white with white and pink. A pretty combination which will not wash quickly.

Little dolls of china, bisque or even made rag doll of four inches are very popular in these little outfits.

The following directions for making garments will be found accurate for this size.

Bonnet

Cast on 5 sts. Increase 1 st at the bottom of each needle until you have 9 sts, 4 ribs or 4 rows, then decrease at bottom each needle until you have only 5 sts, up 7 sts at side, knit the 5 sts take up opposite side, knit 4 ribs, knitting together 5th and 9th and the 11th and 12th sts on each rib. Bind off on 5th rib. For the chin strap a single crochet of contrasting shade of color.

Jacket

Cast on 13 sts. Knit 8 ribs, add 5 sts at end, knit 5 ribs, cast off 11th, 12th and 13th sts, knit to end of row, knit back 10 sts, other 10 sts on needle or work off on other side. Cast on 3 sts, knit 4 ribs, this makes 1 row for the sleeve. Cast off 5 sts, knit 1 rib, cast off 5 sts.

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Club for Nimble Fingered Folks

By Mrs. Wheeler
Wilkinson, Ed.

Trimming for Bath Towels

WIND No. 30 white mercerized cotton around the forefinger five times, catch up a loop with crochet hook and cover the strands closely with single cro-

Make a second ring. Work 5 s.c. loop through stitch on first ring, 1 s.c. strands of second ring, draw loop through next stitch on first ring, 1 s.c. join next stitch in this manner complete filling with singles.

Make a third ring, joining three last stitches of second ring, this leaves the first five stitches of second ring between the two joining. Work third ring nearly full of singles. Hold and third rings opposite each other as in the illustration. Count eight stitches joining of first and second rings, joining to 6th, 7th and 8th stitches of the ring. This will leave five stitches between this joining and that of the first and second rings.

The fourth ring joins the third in the first stitches.

Repeat from *, or if one prefers, make groups of three and three rings afterwards joining groups by hand.

As work goes very rapidly and is especially on bath towels with colored borders or made of silkateen to match.

Filet Camisole Top

BY LAURA BIDDLE

Materials. Two balls No. 40 mercerized cotton, No. 13 steel crochet hook.

Begin with ch 132 stitches, turn.

1st row—1 d c in 3rd, 4th and 5th sts from * ch 2, skip 2, 1 d c, repeat from * making 3 more spaces, then ch 5, skip 4, 1 s.c. ch 5, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c in same st with last d c, turn.

2nd row—Shell of 5 d c under ch 2, 1 d c on ch 5, 1 s.c. on s.c. ch 5, 1 d c on d c, 38 sps, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 2, turn.

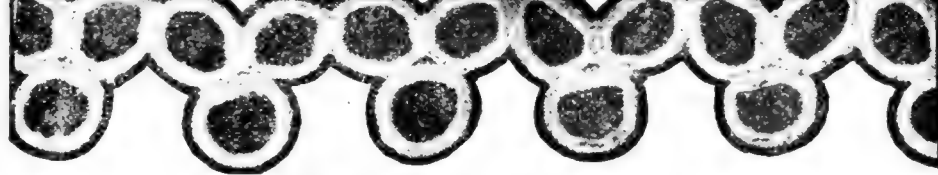
3rd row—1 blk, 39 sps, ch 10, 1 d c on d c shell, ch 2, 1 d c in same st, ch 2, 1 d c

52nd row—3 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 12 blks, 3 sps, 4 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

53rd row—1 blk, 4 sps, 12 blks, 1 sp, 6 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 2 sps.

54th row—2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 4 sps, 2 blks, 3 sps, 5 blks, 2 sps, 10 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

55th row—1 blk, 5 sps, 7 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 8 sps, 2 blks, 4 sps, 5 blks, 2 sps.



RING TRIMMING FOR BATH TOWELS.

56th row—3 sps, 2 blks, 7 sps, 2 blks, 7 sps, 7 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

57th row—1 blk, 10 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 8 sps, 2 blks, 8 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps.

58th row—3 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 22 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

59th row—1 blk, 21 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 1 blk, 8 sps.

60th row—7 sps, 5 blks, 4 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 3 blks, 11 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

61st row—1 blk, 10 sps, 3 blks, 4 sps, 2 blks, 10 sps, 1 blk, 8 sps.

62nd row—19 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 9 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

63rd row—1 blk, 9 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 20 sps.

64th row—20 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 4 blks, 9 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

65th row—1 blk, 11 sps, 3 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 20 sps.

66th row—25 sps, 1 blk, 11 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

67th row—1 blk, 10 sps, 2 blks, 26 sps.

This completes one pattern. It is well now to plan on amount one needs for the front allowing for the spaces which come under the arms.

If only a little more than three patterns are needed, make a few rows mostly spaces, with just a block or two to connect the work before beginning to repeat the pattern again.

If one desires, the next row is pretty worked in reverse order, or with the rose up instead of down.

Plan the back, making plain rows, all of spaces on each side and join to first row.

For Shoulder Straps

Ch 16, 1 d c in 4th st from hook, ch 5, 1 s.c. under ch, ch 5, 1 d c in 2nd st, ch 2, 1 d c in same st, ch 3, turn. 1 shell, 5 d c under ch 2, ch 5, 1 s.c. on s.c. ch 5, 1 shell, turn. Slip st, over 2 sts, 1 picot, sl st, ch 5, 1 d c on last d c of shell, ch 10, 1 d c on first d c of shell, ch 2, 1 d c in same st, ch 3, 1 shell. Repeat.

Lover's Knot Lace

Made of No. 30 cotton this pattern will result in an edging about four inches in width. Begin with a ch 45 sts.

1st row—1 d c in 9th st from hook, ch 2, skip 2, 1 d c, * ch 1, skip 1, 1 d c, repeat 13 times, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

2nd row—2 sps, then 1 d c on each d c and 1 d c on each ch 1 between, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

3rd row—2 sps, 5 d c, 1 quarter inch knot st, 1 s.c. in next 5th d c, 2 knot sts, 1 s.c. in 9th d c, 1 knot st, 5 d c, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

4th row—2 sps, 5 d c, 2 knot sts, slip st on 2nd knot st in previous row, 2 knot sts, 5 d c, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

5th row—2 sps, 5 d c, 1 knot st, slip st to k st, 2 knot sts, slip st to first k st in last row, 5 d c, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

6th row—2 sps, 5 d c, 2 k sts, slip st to center k st in last row, 2 k sts, 5 d c, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

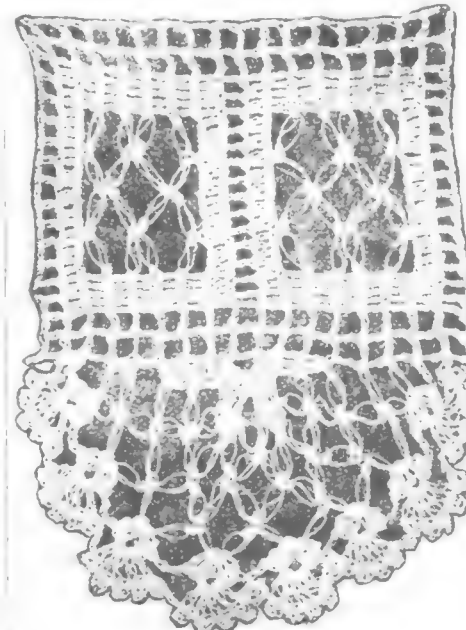
7th row—5 d c, ch 4, 1 s.c. in k st, ch 9, 1 s.c. in k st, 5 d c, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

8th row—2 sps, 5 d c on d c, 20 d c on ch, 5 d c on d c, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

9th row—2 sps, 1 d c, ch 1, as in first row, 2 sps, ch 5, fasten in end of 8th row, slip st to 7th row, turn, 12 d c under ch 5 worked at end of row.

10th row—From here across, same as 2nd row.

11th row—Same as 3rd row. After last 2 sps, 3 d c on 12 d c, 2 k sts, 3 d c on next 3



LOVER'S KNOT LACE.

d c, 2 k sts, 3 d c, 2 k sts, 3 d c. Slip st, from 6th to end of 5th row. Turn work.

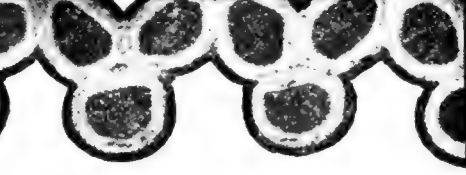
12th row—3 d c, keeping last loop of each on hook and working off all three loops together, 2 k sts, sl st to k st in last row, 2 k sts, 3 d c worked as before, on d c, 2 k sts, sl st to

k st in last row, 2 k sts, 3 d c on d c, 2 k sts, sl st to k st, 2 k sts, 3 d c, slip st to end of 4th row, turn.

13th row—2 k sts, join to k st, repeat 6 times, finish row same as 5th, ch 5, turn.

14th row—Same as 5th row. Knot sts around scallop, slip st to 3rd row. Turn work.

15th row—Ch 3, shell in k st of 3 d c, ch 1, 3 d c, ch 3, 1 shell, repeat making 8 shells in all, ch 3, finish same as 6th row.



Diamond Point Knit Dolly

Any size thread may be used and suitable steel needles, but the finer the material and needles the smaller the finished work will be.

Begin by casting on 47 stitches.

1st row—Sl 1, k 39, o 2, p 2 together, k 1, o, 3 times, n, o, k 2, turn.

2nd row—K 5, p 1, k 2, o twice, p 2 tog, k 3S, leave 2 sts unknitted, turn.

3rd row—Sl 1, k 25, n, o twice, n k 8, o twice, p 2 tog, k 8, turn.

4th row—K 8, o twice, p 2 tog, k 10, p 1, k 25, leave 4 unknitted, turn.

5th row—Sl 1, k 21, * n, o twice, n, repeat once more from * k 6, o twice, p 2 tog, k 6, o, k 2, turn.

6th row—K 9, o twice, p 2 tog, k 8, p 1, k 3, p 1, k 21, leave 6, turn.

7th row—Sl 1, k 17, * n, o twice, n, repeat from * twice more, k 4, o twice, p 2 tog, k 9, turn.

8th row—Bind off 4, k 4, o twice, k 6, p 1, (k 3, p 1,) twice, k 17, leave 8, turn.

9th row—Sl 1, k 13, n, (o twice, n, n,) repeat 3 times, o twice, n, k 2, o twice, p 2 tog, k 1, o, 3 times, n, o, k 2, turn.

10th row—K 5, p 1, k 2, o twice, p 2 tog, k 4, p 1, (k 3, p 1,) 3 times, k 13, leave 10, turn.

11th row—Sl 1, k 9, n, (o twice, n, n,) 4 times, o twice, n, o twice, p 2 tog, k 8, turn.

12th row—K 8, o twice, p 2 tog, k 2, p 1, (k 3, p 1,) 4 times, k 9, leave 12, turn.

13th row—Sl 1, k 9, n, (o twice, n, n,) 3 times, o twice, n, k 2, o twice, p 2 tog, k 6, o, k 2, turn.

14th row—K 9, o twice, p 2 tog, k 4, p 1, (k 3, p 1,) 3 times, k 9, leave 14, turn.

15th row—Sl 1, k 9, n, (o twice, n, n,) twice, o twice, n, k 4, o twice, p 2 tog, k 9.

16th row—Bind off 4, k 4, o twice, p 2 tog, k 6, p 1, (k 3, p 1,) twice, k 9, leave 16, turn.

17th row—Sl 1, k 9, n, o twice, n, n, o twice, n, k 6, o twice, p 2 tog, k 1, o 3 times, n, o, k 2

18th row—K 5, p 1, k 2, o twice, p 2 tog, k 8, p 1, k 3, p 1, k 9, leave 18, turn.

19th row—Sl 1, k 9, n, o twice, n, k 8, o twice, p 2 tog, k 8.

20th row—K 8, o twice, p 2 tog, k 10, p 1, k 9, leave 20, turn.

21st row—Sl 1, k 19, o twice, p 2 tog, k 6, o, k 2.

22nd row—K 9, o twice, p 2 tog, k 18, leave 22, turn.

23rd row—Sl 1, k 17, o twice, p 2 tog, k 9.

24th row—Bind off 4, k 4, o twice, p 2 tog, k 16, leave 24, turn.

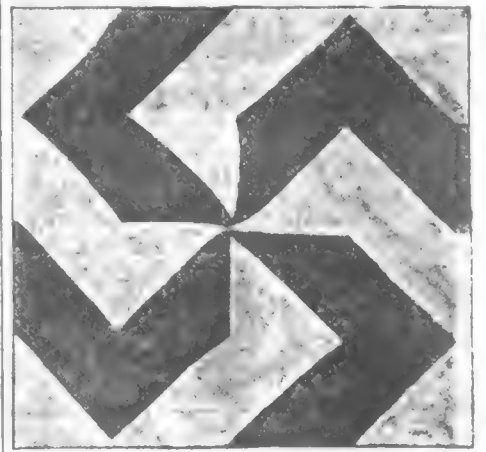
25th row—Sl 1, k 10, n, o twice, n, k 1, o twice, p 2 tog, k 1, o 3 times, n, o, k 2.

26th row—K 5, p 1, k 2, o twice, p 2 tog, k 3, p 1, k 10, leave 26, turn.

27th row—Sl 1, k 6, n, o twice, n, k 3, o twice, p 2 tog, k 8.

28th row—K 8, o twice, p 2 tog, k 5, p 1, k 6, leave 28, turn.

29th row—Sl 1, k 6, n, o twice, n, k 1, o twice, p 2 tog, k 6, o, k 2.



Zigzag or Whirligig pattern submitted by Nina Stone.

Blocks are joined so as to form a continuous design.

30th row—K 6, o twice, p 2 tog, k 3, p 1, k 6, leave 30, turn.

31st row—Sl 1, k 9, o twice, p 2 tog, k 9.

32nd row—Bind off 4, k 4, o twice, p 2 tog, k 8, leave 32, turn.

33rd row—Sl 1, k 7, o twice, p 2 tog, k 1, o, 3 times, n, o, k 2.

34th row—K 5, p 1, k 2, o twice, 2 tog, k 6, leave 34, turn.

35th row—Sl 1, k 5, o twice, p 2 tog, k 8.

36th row—K 8, o twice, p 2 tog, k 4, leave 36, turn.

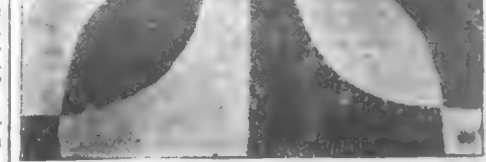
37th row—Sl 1, k 3, o twice, p 2 tog, k 6, o, k 2.

38th row—K 9, o twice, p 2 tog, k 2, leave 38, turn.

39th row—Sl 1, k 1, o twice, p 2 tog, k 9.

40th row—Bind off 4, k 4, o twice, p 2 tog, k 40.

This completes one section, knit eleven more the same, join very neatly and draw center of dolly together and fasten.



Light and Shade, or True Lover's Knot, submitted by Hela Campbell. This is another pattern of two colors, which forms a continuous design across a quilt.

ast d c of shell, ch 2, 1 d c in same st, ch 3, 1 shell, 5 d c under ch 2, ch 5, 1 s.c. on s.c. ch 5, 1 shell, turn. Slip st, over 2 sts, 1 picot, sl st, ch 5, 1 d c on last d c of shell, ch 10, 1 d c on first d c of shell, ch 2, 1 d c in same st, ch 3, 1 shell. Repeat.

th row—1 shell under ch between last blks, 1 shell under ch between next 2 d c, ch 5, 1 s.c. under ch 10, ch 5, 38 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.

th row—1 blk, sps finish the same as in row.

th row—Begin same as 2nd row, all sps, 1 sp, ch 3.

Continue in this way making the bottom of ornate blks and sps, the body all sps for 17 rows and the top like the first four rows when these rows are completed, beginning in the bottom make 1 blk, 9 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 22 sps, top as usual.

Next is the 2nd row of the pattern or the

1st row—21 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 5 blks, 7 sps, 1 sp.

2nd row—1 blk, 9 sps, 1 blk, 6 sps, 3 blks, p 1, 1 blk, 2 sps, 3 blks, 13 sps.

3rd row—12 sps, 3 blks, 4 sps, 2 blks, 17 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

4th row—1 blk, 19 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, 3 blks, p 1, 1 blk, 1 sp.

5th row—1 sp, 2 blks, 6 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 2 blks, 9 sps, 2 blks, 7 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

6th row—1 blk, 7 sps, 5 blks, 2 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

7th row—1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 4 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 12 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

8th row—1 blk, 8 sps, 10 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, sp, 3 blks, 5 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp.

9th row—2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 4 blks, 2 sps, blk, 2 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 7 blks, 3 sps, 4 blks, sps, 1 blk, 1 sp.

10th row—1 blk, 3 sps, 8 blks, 2 sps, 5 blks, sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, 5 blks, 2 sps.

11th row—3 sps, 4 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, blks, 2 sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 5 sps, 3 blks, sp, 1 blk, 1 sp.

12th row—1 blk, 2 sps, 7 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, sp, 4 blks, 2 sps, 4 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 11 sps.

13th row—3 sps, 8 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 0 blks, 1 sp, 5 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1

51st row—1 blk, 8 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 7 blks, sps, 3 blks, 4 sps, 6 blks, 3 sps.

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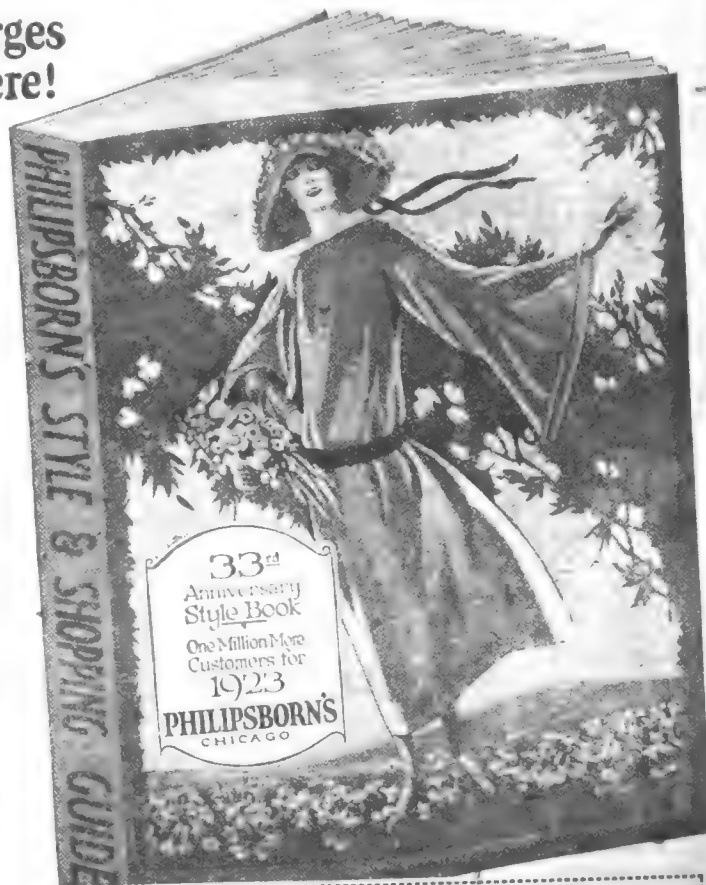
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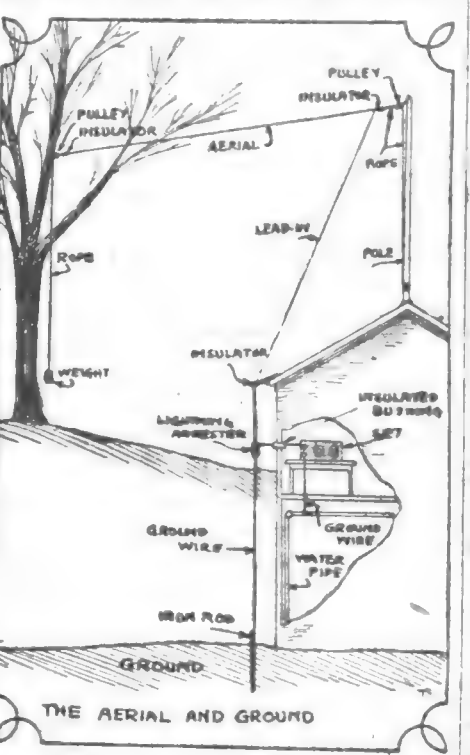


The Single Wire Aerial

THE aerial, generally speaking, is one of the most neglected parts of the radio set, and the beginner usually places some sort of a tangle of wires atop the building, or to a nearby tree and lets it go at that. If one takes the trouble to look about a little he will see all sorts of aerials, from the highly ornamental cage antenna to the simple single wire straight aerial. It is the aerials that come in between these that, at present, engages the eyes and mind of the passerby who is interested in radio. The city is really the place to observe these aerials and a trip on the elevated railroad will prove a revelation as far as the engineering skill of the average American boy goes.

One will see what are known as flat top aerials, both of the "T" and the inverted "L" type. This means that the lead-in from the "T" aerial is from the middle and from the inverted "L" type from one end. The majority of these aerials have two wires in them, but many of them are equipped with four and six wires. If the builders only knew it, they would get exactly the same results from a single wire the same length as the multi-wire aerial, with a saving in wire as well as labor. In other words, the aerial that is composed of, say, four wires, each one being 100 feet long, will give practically the same results as a single wire aerial 100 feet long.

Many beginners cannot seem to understand this, and insist on putting up great heavy contrivances that only cost a great deal more money with the added fact that the results are not a bit better. The single wire aerial is by far the easiest to erect, and, as stated above, the builder will be able to save money by doing so, and at the same time be able to get the same results. However,



DETAILS OF SINGLE WIRE AERIAL.

there are several different types of these single-wire aerials. Some of them run in a straight line and others will run off at right angles after perhaps half of their total length has been traversed. Then there is the worst kind of the lot, the kind that zigzags back and forth across a roof, or in and out around trees. The builder must remember that what really counts is the length of the aerial in a straight line. If an aerial has a total of 100 feet of wire in it and the first fifty feet runs in one direction and then the rest of the aerial runs at right angles or back on itself in the form of a "V," the first fifty feet will be the part that actually gives the antenna strength, and the rest of the aerial will be useless.

The best aerial for the reception of broadcast-ing and other forms of radio messages is the single wire aerial from 100 to 200 feet long, run all in one direction with the lead-in from one end and never from the middle. If the lead-in is taken from the middle, the tendency is to really get the same results that would be secured with an aerial only one-half as long. In other words, one end of the aerial is absolutely wasted. Never put any bends in the wire if the best results are wanted.

There are many different kinds of so-called patented and indoor aerials on the market, but the best by far is the one described above, if properly installed. Use No. 14 bare copper wire for the aerial and the lead-in wire, but just before the wire comes into the house, make a soldered joint and have the rest of the wire of the same size, but rubber insulated. It is best to run this wire through a porcelain tube where it actually enters the house as a safeguard against having the minute currents leak off to the ground during wet weather. **CAUTION:** When wiring your set, take care that the lead-in wire and inside ground wire are kept away from all 110-volt telephone or electric light wiring.

Procure two or three small porcelain cleat insulators and install them at the end of the aerial that is farthest away and also at the end that is above where the lead-in is fastened. Do not let the wire touch anything outside of these insulators while it is outdoors and be sure to use insulated wire wherever it is run inside of the house. If one end of the aerial is attached to a tree, use a rope and pulley with a weight on the end to keep the aerial taut when the tree sways. (See illustration.) The ground wire should be of the same size wire and there must be some sort of a protection against atmospheric electricity. This is misnamed a lightning arrester and should be mounted outdoors for the best results, and an independent ground used in connection with it. The best ground connections for the actual set is the cold water pipe. Scrape this clean and lead turns about wire to it, taking about a dozen tight turns of pipe, finishing them off with a pair of pliers so that the connection cannot be moved at all by hand. Then as a further assurance of a good connection, clean the wire and the pipe thoroughly and solder the whole joint. This

part of the set is just as important as the aerial and must be carefully made.

The ground for the lightning arrester may be made by driving an iron pipe into the ground and soldering a heavy piece of wire to it. Another and better scheme is to bury all of the old metal that can be found, first soldering a wire so that contact is made to each separate piece. If a bag of charcoal is thrown in on top of this before the hole is filled in, and then several buckets of water are thrown over this, it will be found that after the dirt has been replaced that the earth will stay damp for a very long time and a good connection is assured. The lightning arrester above serves to drain off the atmospheric electricity gradually instead of letting the aerial save it all up and then discharge it with a rush through the receiving set. In other words, the lightning arrester acts as a safety valve to allow the surplus energy to gradually escape harmlessly to the earth. Fear of lightning seems to be one of the inherent characteristics of the human being, and justly so, as there has been a great deal of damage done to lives and property through this cause.

No doubt more people would own radio sets if it were not for this fear, for many people still believe that steel knives and scissors, needles, wire netting, etc., "attract" lightning and they naturally feel that a radio set would be even a greater danger to their premises. This is not so, as a properly installed aerial acts as a splendid lightning-rod and actually safeguards the premises on which it is erected.

It is not practicable to use your set during a thunder storm, due to the "static" electricity in the air, and the confusion of the wireless waves.

Doubtless most of the readers of *COMFORT* are what we term "handy men" and no instruction relative to soldering is necessary, but a few words on this subject might not be amiss for those who perchance have not had the experience in this work.

Soldering

In any radio set, whether home-made or otherwise, there are countless little joints and connections that should be soldered, the neglect of which will cause innumerable noises in the headphones. It is no great trick to solder, the process being a simple one, but it is necessary to acquire the "knack" of doing it first. So before attempting to actually solder any joints or connections on your set, take a few pieces of wire and odd bits of metal and practice soldering. You will soon get into the swing of it, and can make a neat job of it when you tackle your set. The United States Navy specifications on radio sets clearly states that "all connections be soldered," and the novice cannot underestimate the necessity of following out this specification himself when building his own set.

As previously stated, loose connections and bad contacts will cause no end of trouble and discom-forture to the radio fan. It only takes a very small amount of energy (measured in millions of an ampere) to operate the telephone receivers, and if the incoming signals are to be as loud as possible, we must carefully "baby along" every ounce of energy possible in the telephone circuit. Loose connections and bad joints offer a very high resistance to the easy flow of radio current, and much energy that is lost could well be used to give loud signals in the receivers.

Badly soldered connections, however, are worse than loose ones, so take particular pains and pride in your work and the results obtained will be justified by the fine performance of your radio set. A soldered circuit not only looks better but works better.

For the soldering job you will need a small copper soldering iron, some soldering flux, such as rosin or a soldering paste, a file, emery cloth, a bunsen burner or alcohol lamp and some soft wire solder. Be sure to get soft solder. There are other grades of solder that are not at all suited to the fine work necessary on radio instruments. The first thing to remember is that it is always very necessary to have the surfaces to be soldered perfectly clean. They might look clean, and you might think that they were, but do not be satisfied until you see a fine piece of emery cloth on them. You must be absolutely sure, as solder will not flow freely on unclean surfaces.

The next point to remember is to heat and tin the end of the soldering iron. Clean the iron thoroughly with a file or emery cloth and hold in the flame of the bunsen burner or alcohol lamp until the flame begins to turn a bluish-green. The iron is now at the proper temperature. Apply a little soldering flux (rosin or a soldering paste) to the end of the iron with a matchstick, and then place the end of the solder against the hot point of the iron. The solder will melt immediately and stick to the surface of the iron, forming a bright layer of solder on the end of the tool. It is now ready for use.

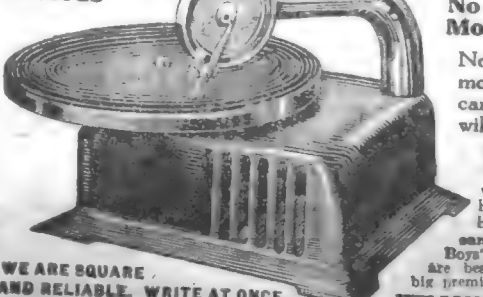
Next, see that surfaces cleaned are properly tinned. To do this, apply some soldering flux, and run the hot tinned iron over the surface. A small amount of solder will flow freely, and the surface is ready to be soldered. **CAUTION:** Do not use too much flux—a very little will do—for if any drops down into your cabinet it will collect dust, and in time form an excellent conductor, on the principle of the grid leak.

When you think you have practiced sufficiently to be able to tackle your set, clean and tin the parts together and apply the hot iron. The solder will run freely. When you remove the iron the solder on the joint or connection will quickly set. It is well not to use too much solder as it will form into a big lump and make an unsightly mess. Practice will enable you to tell just how much to use.

In the next issue we will take up the actual construction of a simple crystal detector set.

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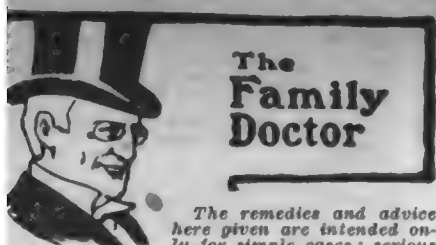
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ms. C. M. W., Ohio, Calif.—You no doubt have nasal polyps. Be examined by some good rhinologist and if there are any growths of the nature indicated, have them removed. In the meantime spray the with Dobell's solution and insert in the nostril at the small portion of white precipitate ointment. latter will heal the nose and will also help cure irritation at the nasal margin.

ms. P. O., Morristown, South Dakota.—Take, for inflammatory rheumatism, five-grain tablets of salicylate of sodium well diluted. Also at night bind up painful parts with a saturated solution of Epsom salt.

ms. J. L. T., Smith Port, Pa.—There is no injection a layman to use in case of an enlarged prostate gland. Probably one of the best remedies you can use this condition is a five-grain tablet of urotropin, one after meals.

ms. M. W., Arcanum.—Flaxseed will do you no good for the irregular menstruation. Take after meals, one or two weeks, two-grain capsules of ovarian tincture.

ms. L. C., Pambuska, Okla.—There is no cure for syphilis following infantile paralysis. One can, however, massage the offending member and in this way, up the growth of the member and also improve circulation of same. Sometimes an operation is of benefit.

ms. P. H., Reading, Minn.—You should keep your bowels free by using fluid extract of cascara sagrada two teaspoonful doses morning and night, well diluted. Take also for the indigestion one tablet of compound bicarbonate of soda after meals. Avoid sweets pastries of all kinds. Drink plenty of water. For leucorrhoea, use a vaginal douche of normal saline solution.

ms. E. F. E., Bottineau, North Dak.—For ulcer of stomach, the diet should consist of peptonized milk. You can also take five-grain tablets of bicarbonate of soda three times a day.

ms. A. S., Brachett, Texas.—Your falling memory is due to malaria. Take, after meals, Warburg's ture in teaspoonful doses.

ms. B. S., New Salem, Mass.—A simple remedy for leucorrhoea is a five-grain pill of salicylate taken after meals. You can also take a 1-60 gr. tablet of strychnine, before meals.

ms. J. H., Crowder, Okla.—Maybe you have a nic appendicitis. For your indigestion take, after meals, one tablet of compound bicarbonate of soda. Of course avoid sweets and pastries of all kinds.

ms. J. M., New Castle, Pa.—You have, no doubt, a functional heart trouble due probably to indigestion and formation of gas in the intestine and stomach. The bowels free by using two teaspoonful of fluid extract of cascara sagrada morning and night, and take, after meals, compound bicarbonate of soda tablets. One after meals will suffice. You must also avoid sweets and starchy foods of all kinds.

ms. M. D., Kaktia, Ga.—Spray the nose and throat with Dobell's solution three or four times a day for a cold condition. For the cough take, after meals, a spoonful of the following mixture: thirty grains of iodine of ammonium, one ounce of syrup of tolu and enough to make two ounces. You might also apply over the upper chest a mustard plaster of equal parts of Coleman's mustard and flour. Rub the mustard on the chest until the chest is well heated from the action of the mustard.

ms. E. J., Mongolia, Ill.—All of your symptoms are due to a rheumatic condition. Take, after meals, a five-grain tablet of salicylate of sodium well diluted. Of course avoid sweets of all kinds and drink plenty of good spring water.

ms. L. T., Cambridge, Ohio.—The condition of your throat arising is probably due to adenoids and tonsils which are diseased. Have them removed at once in the meantime use a spray of Dobell's solution.

ms. M. L., Perry, Okla.—The malaria and dropsy owing have nothing, probably, to do with the bed-ridden condition. Have the children take a prolonged rest in the afternoon, eat sparingly at night and take a grain tablet of urotropin after meals. Also have take one-fourth teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda dissolved in a wineglass of hot water three times a day.

ms. A. M., Hartville, Ohio.—Your weight for your age is about right. For your bladder trouble take five-grain tablets of urotropin after meals.

ms. F. S., Home, Ark.—You have been broken down with too frequent pregnancies. You should take a good tonic such as Basham's mixture. Take a spoonful, well diluted, after meals. Also take a vaginal saline douche morning and night.

ms. C. B., Kankakee, Ill.—For your ozema, or pharyngitis, spray the nose three or four times a day with Dobell's solution. At night also instill in the nostrils liquid vaseline or a few drops of kerosene.

ms. M. A., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.—Your age may be something to do with your irregularity. Maybe you have a small uterine fibroid. Better be examined by your local doctor and find out if the latter is the case. If so, an operation is indicated. Your uterus is probably due to excessive ingestion of starchy foods. Avoid sweets of all kinds, keep bowels free, and take, after meals, compound bicarbonate of soda tablets.

ms. J. B., No address.—Kindly give full name and address if you desire any advice from this department. Carnation of Maryland, also take notice. We must be to this rule.

ms. K. E. Y., Roxboro, N. C.—If there are no nodules in the breasts, just let them alone. The soft hardness will regulate itself in the long run. Do not use any ointment or liniment. Better be examined by your local doctor and find out if the latter is the case. If so, an operation is indicated. Your uterus is probably due to excessive ingestion of starchy foods. Avoid sweets of all kinds, keep bowels free, and take, after meals, compound bicarbonate of soda tablets.

ms. M. L., Harrisburg, Ill.—The worms you mention are known as pinworms. They are quite common in the neighborhood mentioned. You should take an ounce of salt and water—about one teaspoonful of salt to a pint of hot water.

ms. W. R., Ocean View, N. J.—May be due to bad indigestion or diseased tonsils. Try Dobell's solution as a mouth wash and as a gargle three or four times a day.

ms. L. D., Clarks, Nebr.—Better have the jaw examined by your local surgeon. Maybe you have a subluxation of the jaw bone. More likely, however, you have a wisdom tooth that has not erupted. Have an x-ray made of the jaw and in this find out if there is a growing tooth.

ms. A. J. B., Cheboygan, Mich.—There is no remedy for drunkenness. The only thing for the sufferer is to give up drinking and then he can take some tonic as a substitute.

ms. M. M., Webster, South Dak.—Better discontinue the treatments you are receiving from the party mentioned. If you have a spinal curvature, consult a good orthopedic surgeon in your vicinity and have proper treatment—operative or medical.

ms. J. V. W., Batesville, Ga.—Your symptoms seem to be a chronic appendicitis. Suppose, from the number of examinations you have had that your doctors have eliminated this trouble. If not, consult them and find out as to the condition of the appendix. You can get rid of your excessive weight by leaving off your diet all forms of starchy foods and exercising in the open. In the meantime you might try a five-grain tablet of urotropin after meals to clear the kidney condition.

ms. M. S., Burlington, N. C.—You may have a subacute goiter. Take after meals for two or three weeks drops of a saturated solution of iodide of potassium, diluted.

ms. M. D., Meridian, Miss.—Premature menopause is the "hot flashes" complained of. Take two capsules of ovarian substance morning and night two or three weeks at a time.

ms. G. W., Ironton, Ohio.—Eczema is of rheumatic



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origin. Take after meals for five days, one-fourth grain tablet of calomel and soda. Avoid sweets of all kinds; drink plenty of good spring water, and apply, locally, Lasar's paste. Of course you must keep your hands out of soapy water at all times.

Mrs. C. L. L., Charlotte, N. C.—Enlarged glands of the neck are not necessarily serious. They are enlarged lymphatics. Take after meals five drops of a saturated solution of iodine of potassium, well diluted.

Comfort's League of Cousins

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 21.)

Probably when you get through with high school and the chasing of dark-haired and robust bears, you will be able to look out from under your khaki eyebrows and make an agreeable and powerful choice. Anyway your bear-hunting will be good training, Bill says.

WAXA, R. R. B., BOX 253, TEXAS.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS: I'm a little boy twenty-three years old and my mamma's pet. I live on a farm of 114 acres with my pa. I like to farm fine, except pick cotton and I won't do that at all. I have a car of my own—oh, I mean a Ford.

I guess you will want to know what I look like: I am five feet, ten inches tall and weigh 147 pounds. I have light curly hair and blue eyes. I would like to hear from all the cousins and will answer all I can if I have to sell a bale of cotton to buy stamps. All that can please send photos.

Your nephew, ALVIN ANDERSON.

Alvin, how do you suppose our country's cotton crop is going to get picked if everybody who dislikes to do it refuses the job and goes off to town in a Ford to shoot a game of pool? I think "mamma's pet" ought to be spanked, even if it takes a fence rail to do the trick.

It is "little boys" who can profit from good advice. Alvin, and I want to tell you that for every duty or hard job we evade, somebody has to work all the harder to do our share. This is not playing the game fair and will never win in the end. Go ahead and do your part of the cotton picking, Alvin, as you do in all the rest of the work on pa's farm. Anyway you will have to pick a bale, you know, to buy your postage stamps. You might put a bag on the nose of your Ford and go down between the rows.

Alvin, I hope lots of little girls will write to you and prevent "mamma's pet" from being too lonesome down among the unpicked cottonfields of Waxa.

MINNEAPOLIS, 262 LYNDALE AVE., N., MINN.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS: Will you admit a very interested cousin from the Gopher State to the family circle? Greetings, everybody! I love every one of you and I hope you will love

me, too. Needless to say I enjoy reading the cousins' letters, especially those dealing critically with the girl of today. I admit it is undeniably true that some girls conduct themselves outrageously, and I admire the young men who have brains enough to avoid such girls. Sad but true, the majority of boys haven't will power enough to do this, and so the poor creatures drift on with the idea firmly planted in their brains that they can hold a candle to Theda Bara or somebody like her—all because some brainless idiots allow themselves to be vamped and give them a few tastes of what they think is the wine of life. Whenever I see an especially freakish lunatic, who is whitewashed and rouged to her heart's content, I become the possessor of a very burning desire to box her ears properly and wash her face thoroughly. Of course, at the same time, I wouldn't forget to lengthen her skirt a couple of inches and add some material to her lowest blouse. I am very much in favor of powder, but I do not look ill after I have used it; if I did, my mother would rely on the trustworthiness of my stick and administer that time-honored remedy—an old-fashioned spanking! And I'm quite sure, Uncle Lisha, that you would enjoy assisting mother and would agree with me when I say I would have deserved it.

Some girls, in their drug store complexions, that parade the streets nowadays in search of a good time, remind me of an Indian on the warpath, and I wish to say they are as brainless as they look. Naturally I realize that all girls aren't of this type, and I beg to remark that the right sort of an all round American girl cannot be beat.

However, I admit I'm practically convinced that the majority of the boys of today are mentally unbalanced, or in slang, just "plain bugs." At least their actions would lead one to this conclusion. Now you who are ready to condemn me, collect your scattered brains and do a little thinking. I will give you a few examples. I won't divide my specimens into different classes, for the simple reason that if a person does one base thing, he usually does the others, too. Of course, there are exceptions. What do you say about the fellows found on every street corner, who say coarse and indelicate things about every girl that passes—whether she is decent or indecent? Usually they have an evil-smelling cigarette drooping limply from one corner of their mouths, while cuss words and other vile things issue freely from the other. And when you are past such a specimen, he yells such endearing names as "Hello, sweetie," and "Hello, cutie." Oh, yes; I agree with you that some girls do not mind it one bit. When he finally does decide to leave his place at the pool hall and go home, he is often so "stewed" that he isn't responsible for his actions, and the milkman has to help him find the right house. Now what's the verdict? I just knew you'd say that you would call him a cur and not a gentleman. But, my dear friends, do you think that we would call our young painted warriors ladies? Of course there are many other ungentlemanly things the above-mentioned boys do, but they are too numerous to mention, and so I must content myself with the few I have named.

I admit that there are boys of the minority who are a pretty decent lot, but I think this is partly due to the fact that most of them are farm-bred boys, or boys who live their lives in the open where

their brains haven't a chance of getting warped. Of course, there are a few nice boys in the city, but, mind you, I said *few*—and you require a microscope to find them. The boys love to babble about the degrading things the girls do, but oh, how they hate to hear about their own faults. I'm inclined to think that the boys are worse than the girls. I, for one, am going to declare war on the little mamma's boys running about, who use the adage: "It is the truth that hurts," to hide behind. And on the pretty little boy angels with beautiful gauzy wings who hate to be reminded of the "lounge lizard," and of that part of their sex which, too, employs a drug store complexion to enhance their manly beauty. Can anyone among the cousins tell me why the boys enjoy reminding the decent girls about the indecent part of their sex, but change the subject as soon as someone mentions "lounge lizards," etc.? It certainly is a mystery to me. Perhaps some of the cousins who have been keeping their opinion of the "superior sex" to themselves will lend a helping hand to me. Perhaps we will be able to impress upon the boys that it is a rather dangerous occupation to throw stones when one is living in a glass house.

I have an idea many of you are convinced by this time that I am either an old maid or a confirmed man-hater. Sorry to disappoint you, but I'm neither. I'm just sweet(?) sixteen and believe in enjoying life in the best and cleanest way possible.

Will some of the cousins please write to me. I will try to answer every letter I receive.

Sincerest wishes to Uncle Lisha and all the Cousins.

Inez Rose.

Inez Rose, you are a rose with good sharp thorns! And you use these vigorously in pricking masculine weaknesses—at the same time giving a prod or two to the foolish younglings of your own sex. You come holding well and bravely aloft the feminine banner of your newly declared war, and rash boy critics are going to have much broken glass tumbling about their ears. I'm sure many like-minded nieces will hear your call and rally to your standard—Cousin Ruth of Minnesota, for instance, will be a neighbor and cousin who I'm certain will take up a position by your side.

Your letter of judgment concerning boys and girls who are too deep in their silly season, Inez, is good criticism and well expressed. It will leave little room for the escape of those whom you verbally buff. But your letter might have been more tolerant if you had not had to draw your lessons and "specimens" from boys and girls of city life and breeding. You hint at this yourself when you except from your awful specimens farm boys and those who have out-of-door occupations to leave them clearer-eyed, clearer-lunged and clearer-minded. Corner standees and pool-room artists are unfortunate debris of youth which cities readily accumulate. For it is in cities, Inez, that corners are many, that pool-

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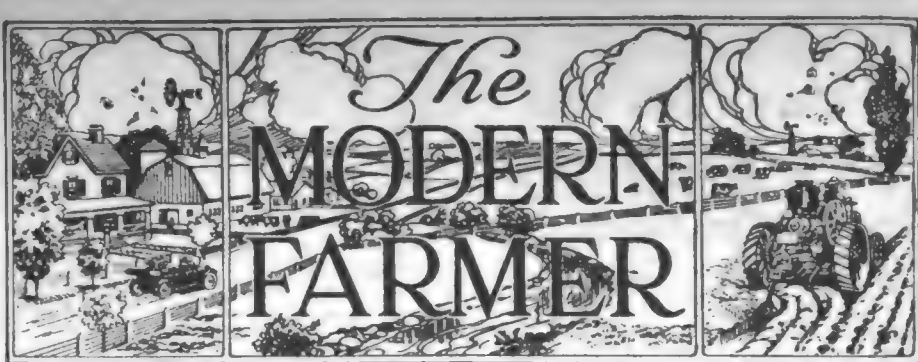
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February: The Reading Month

TO sit in front of a cheery, sparkling fireplace or beside a warm, crackling stove is a joy and opportunity that reaches its highest point of perfection for farm folks in February. But simply to sit in doors in comfort, forgetful of the snow and cold outside, is not all that is needed for relaxation and rest. Something more is required to round out the idle hours of the farmer and his wife and children—yes, children, bless their carefree little hearts. Perhaps you have guessed it before we write it down? Reading! How dull the long winter evenings would be without the farm paper, books and bulletins for the grownups and picture books and stories for the little ones. Reading brings the whole world to the farmer's door—current events, broadening information, politics, facts and fiction are his for the taking, gained without contact with the city which is not always so entrancing and attractive as it sometimes appears to the eyes and imaginations of country dwellers. Too many have learned to their everlasting sorrow that the healthful life, fresh air and independence of country life is too much to give up in exchange for the environment of squalor, poverty and crime "where the bright lights burn at night."

But to return to our topic—reading. We who read know and appreciate in a measure how much it means to us. But do we ever stop to consider the many farmers who do not read? Ponder on that a moment. Perhaps here is a place where each of us may perform a valuable service—a sort of missionary service right in our own neighborhood. Why not try this?

No doubt you swap work with your neighbor occasionally? Then why not go a step further and hand him one of your old copies of COMFORT to read? You and your family have gleaned its contents from cover to cover, but the good things it contains have not been removed by your reading, and they will be new to him.

We assume that your neighbor is a stranger to us, but no doubt you know him well. You know his little likes and dislikes, his strong points, weak points and peculiarities. Talk to him about his "bobby," then point out to him an article or item dealing with his pet subject in your paper. He may perhaps be indifferent to knowledge and to his own best interests; he may be a shiftless, unsuccessful farmer with a large family. The two somehow seem to go together, don't they? Still, he is human, and curiosity is one of the pillars of human nature. His curiosity can be aroused, you may be certain. He will read your old paper to satisfy that curiosity, or at any rate he will look at the pictures. Even that is worth something, a step in the right direction. The donated copy may prove to be the entering wedge of inquisitiveness which leads upward to the light of broad information.

It is sad but true that the man who most needs the influence of the farm paper is the very one who is too indifferent to his own needs and to his personal success and advancement to subscribe. Little can be done for the indifferent man. The old saying about leading the horse to water applies in his case. Nevertheless, there is always a chance and the chance is worth taking. You may be in a position to arouse a latent interest and inspire in another one of God's creatures a growing desire to reach out and up to the more worthy things of life.

Your old, well-read, dog-eared copy of COMFORT may be the means of creating another "reading farmer" like yourself, and reading farmers are the very mainstay and foundation of our rural life. The reading farmer is the thinking farmer, the man who knows. He lives comfortably and contentedly in a horizon broadened by his reading, makes more money and spends it more wisely and to better advantage, talks intelligently on current matters, and votes informedly and regularly on election day. He has "discovered" the wealth of valuable information contained in his farm papers, his books, and in government and state agricultural bulletins.

Let's do a good turn for our neighbor by helping him help himself. Let's pass our old COMFORT along to someone else after we are through with it. The seed may fall upon fertile ground, like the good seed mentioned in the Bible, there to sprout and take root and grow and multiply an hundredfold.

Dry Cows Need Minerals

Though lime and phosphorus are found in comparatively small quantities in feeds, these minerals have a great deal to do with milk production and also play an important part in building up the body of the unborn calf. If the ration fed to dry cows is deficient in these elements, they are then drawn from the supply stored in the cows' bodies. This also takes place during the height of the milking period, but if permitted to continue for more than a very short time, the animal herself is certain to suffer a loss of flesh and physical condition. Likewise, when a dry cow is fed a short or incomplete ration deficient in lime and phosphorus, she becomes run down in flesh and vitality, often giving birth with difficulty to an undernourished calf. Therefore it is a good practice to feed cows well when they are running down in milk yield and when they are dry, thus permitting them to store up in their bodies these elements as well as many others for use when the great demand is made.

The common view is that dry cows need only enough feed for maintenance, but extensive experiments carried on by the various agricultural experiment stations and by the United States Department of Agriculture show that this is far from the truth. In fact a cow is nothing more or less than a milk-manufacturing plant; like any factory, she must have a reserve supply of materials on hand to draw upon when heavy demands are made. A cow that has been well fed when dry has stored up this reserve. She therefore is able to produce more on full feed than a cow that has received only a maintenance ration during the resting period. Short rationing dairy cows during the dry period is false economy—economy that is certain to "back fire." Why? Simply because the elements withdrawn from the underfed body to supply the needs of the calf must be replaced when the cow is "fresh" and placed upon a heavier ration. Therefore she does not "hit her milking stride" until she is once more back in good physical condition. During this period, whether it be long or short, her owner is paying the price for his "economy" in the reduced yield she is able to produce.

In keeping up the necessary lime and phosphorus supply it is well to remember that some feeds are richer than others in these elements. Legume hays are the best and cheapest source of lime; cowpeas, alfalfa, soy bean and the numerous clovers are included under this head, and are listed in the order of their lime richness. Quality of hay has much to do with the amount of lime found therein, good leafy alfalfa hay containing more lime than coarse, stemmy hay.

Phosphorus is derived mainly from wheat bran, cottonseed meal, standard wheat middlings and

linseed meal in the order given. Other feeds rich in phosphorus, but less widely known and used for dairy feed, are sesame oil cake, rice polish, buckwheat middlings, rice bran, sunflower-seed cake, rapeseed cake, buckwheat bran and malt sprouts.

No bran or other concentrate contains anywhere near so much lime as the legume hays; no kind of roughage contains so much phosphorus as is found in the concentrates mentioned above. Grass hays, corn silage and all other corn products with the possible exception of those made from the corn germ are low in both lime and phosphorus.

Set New-Laid Eggs

Eggs intended for setting should be set as soon as possible after they are laid if best results are to be expected. In the first place new-laid eggs hatch a little earlier than those that have been kept for some time. Eggs that have been stored, moreover, evaporate to an extent that lessens their vitality, thus reducing the percentage of hatch. Also, if eggs are held for any length of time before setting, there is always the danger that unfavorable influences are at work. For example, if eggs are stored at too low a temperature, the resulting chilling is likely to injure their hatching power. If stored at too high a temperature, on the other hand, the embryo is likely to start to develop then stop. When this happens the result is a dead embryo, and such eggs will never hatch.

Eggs set the same day that they are laid usually hatch about eighteen hours earlier than those that have been kept for two weeks prior to setting. As a rule, eggs kept more than two weeks will lose hatching power, though this is not always the case. Tests have been made at various agricultural experiment stations which show that if stored under proper conditions eggs can be kept for a month and still hatch well. But under ordinary farm conditions it is impossible to provide the ideal conditions of temperature and moisture which make long storing possible. Therefore it is far better to set eggs promptly after they are laid, thus insuring a maximum and even hatch.

Care of Pregnant Ewes

Lambing time is the most important season of the year for the shepherd, the "shepherd's harvest," for a successful lambing period is a very fine start for a successful year. A little loss of sleep on the part of the shepherd will save many a lamb and here and there a ewe during lambing time and there is no time that the shepherd will be so well repaid for serving a night shift as during the height of the lambing period.

Successful shepherds point every effort toward securing as high a percentage of strong and healthy lambs as possible, beginning far in advance of lambing time by correctly rationing the ewes. If the ewes are to lamb before going on pasture they should receive some grain about one month before they are due to lamb. This insures a good flow of milk. Oats and wheat bran, either half-and-half or two parts of oats and one of bran, which is lower in price, should be fed. One-half pound a day of this mixture for each ewe is the amount fed with best results.

It is also important that succulent feeds, such as corn silage or roots, should be given to pregnant ewes. These keep the bowels in good condition and serve as general tonics and regulators. The weight of the ewes can also be increased by feeding good succulence. Throughout the winter each ewe should receive from two to two and one-half pounds of succulence daily. After lambing this amount can be increased. Frozen roots or moldy or tainted silage should never be fed to sheep, as such feed is dangerous. Keep barrel salt where it is always easily available, and provide plenty of pure, fresh water. Keep quarters well ventilated and lighted, sanitary and dry if ewes are to come through the winter in the best of condition, and compel them to take exercise by scattering feed outdoors in good weather.

Managing the Herd Boar

The manner in which the herd boar is managed has much to do with his ability to sire pigs that will grow rapidly and feed profitably. Proper feeding is essential, for many good boars have had their breeding power seriously impaired by overfeeding a fattening ration that has made them inactive, fat, slow breeders, and uncertain and unprofitable sires. The herd boar should be well fed but not made fat. This is managed by abundantly feeding a relatively narrow ration containing a high percentage of feeds rich in crude protein. The commonest of these are tankage, oilmeal, fish meal and skim-milk. The correct amount of feed is gauged by the hog's condition as the breeding season progresses. Some laxative feed such as wheat bran should be fed to assure good health. Corn, if fed at all, should be allowed sparingly and combined with a protein concentrate such as tankage.

Confine the boar during the breeding season in a roomy paddock apart from the sows, and bring the latter to him for service. By this plan the herdsman can accurately record service and farrowing dates, and when necessary return sows for re-breeding. It also allows the breeding of a larger number of sows in a single season, as they are removed immediately after service. Handled in this way a mature boar should be able to serve 50 or 60 sows. A specially constructed breeding crate should be used when breeding to an old, large and heavy boar.

During the remainder of the year the boar may be fed a little more corn, but should be given the run of a good pasture of at least a quarter of an acre to insure necessary exercise and to provide the required amount of laxative feed. In

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Brownie's Triumph

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sumed his pacings, a smile of ineffable scorn curling his fine lips.

"A poverty-stricken governess, indeed!" he muttered between his teeth; "and I would not have her prospects for future happiness ruined by the son of such a woman! Poor child!" and his face softened into tenderness; "then she has been reduced to that cruel necessity, and she will have a hard time of it if left to the tender mercies of those two. At all events," he continued, "I will manage some way to get acquainted with her before the voyage is ended, and return her cuff button. I shall miss it, too, for it has lain so long in its place that it seems like a precious talisman."

He took from the pocket of his vest as he spoke—that beautiful little trifle of black enamel and gold, with its sparkling initial in the center, inclosed in its brilliant circle.

He turned it over, and read the tiny letters engraved on the back.

"Brownie!" he murmured. "I could not help speaking her name as I held her in my arms; and how beautiful she looked when the lovely color leaped into her face as she heard it. Never mind, when I put this into her own little hands, I will explain it all."

He replaced the button in his pocket, with a deep sigh, and then turned his attention to the steamer, as she cast off her moorings and began to move out into the mighty deep.

The reader has doubtless recognized in the stranger the person of Adrian Dredmond, one of the young men who stood in the vestibule of the Art Gallery at Philadelphia on the day when Miss Huntington met with such a series of accidents to her elaborate toilet.

He had come from the old country to attend the world's wonderful exposition, and was now returning—but more of him hereafter.

CHAPTER XII.

DRESSING FOR THE OPERA.

The passage proved to be an exceedingly rough one, and Brownie suffered more than any of the party, not being able to leave her stateroom during all the voyage.

Upon their arrival at Liverpool, she was so weak and wan that Mr. Coolidge and Wilbur were obliged to bear her in their arms from the boat to the carriage which was to convey them to their hotel, much to the annoyance and disgust of Isabel and her mother.

Adrian Dredmond had waited in vain for the opportunity he had so desired. He had not once seen Brownie during the voyage. He stood by when they carried her to the carriage, and a feeling of pain smote his heart as he saw her wan face and sunken eyes.

"I cannot give it to her now, but I will seek an opportunity. I will see her again," he breathed to himself.

They lifted her into the carriage, shut the door and drove away.

"Brownie Douglas—the name is as sweet as she looks—good by, my Brownie; we shall meet again," he murmured; and, with a deep tenderness in his heart for her, Adrian Dredmond went his own way.

From Liverpool, the Coolidges, after a few days of rest, went to London, where they proposed establishing their headquarters for three or four months, while they made excursions about the country.

Here they took a house in the neighborhood of Regent's Park, and to Isabel's delight entered at once upon the gaieties of the season.

Brownie's heart is stirred with various emotions as she finds herself thus settled among the very scenes of her aunt's former life.

Here Miss Mehetabel lived when she was a girl; here she was wooed and won; here she had lived that short, bright year, loving and beloved, and which was followed by a lifetime of mourning and sadness.

She wondered if Lord Dunforth were still living, and if it would be her lot while abroad to meet him. She hoped so; and she was confident that she should recognize him, from the picture which was now in her possession, even though so many years had passed, and he was an old man of over sixty.

Of course, she never expected to meet him as an equal, or even speak to him; but she longed for just one look into his face, to see if he had fulfilled the promise of his early manhood, and to assure her that he was the noble, high-minded knight which her little romantic heart had pictured him from Miss Mehetabel's description.

During the first hours of the day Miss Douglas and her pupils dived deep into the mystic lore; and so charming did she make their studies, and so interested did she appear in everything pertaining to their welfare, that, to their credit be it said, they applied themselves with the utmost diligence to their tasks, and soon gave promise of becoming quite proficient.

The afternoons were devoted to sight-seeing and riding, the evenings to receiving company, attending drawing-rooms, the opera or the theater.

One morning Wilbur came home in considerable excitement, and throwing some tickets upon the table, said:

"There, mother, are some tickets for her Majesty's opera, and I want every member of this family to attend, for there are wonderful attractions tonight."

"Then, of course, we must all go, and the girls will be delighted that you remembered them, for they are not often allowed to appear in company, you know," she said, smiling.

"And Miss Douglas, too, mother; I procured a ticket for her," he added.

Mrs. Coolidge demurred at this.

"But Miss Douglas is in deep mourning; it would not be suitable for her to appear with us in her black garments," she said.

"Pshaw! she can wear something else for once. It is a shame to debar her from such a luxury; any one can see that she is passionately fond of music, and I should feel mean to take all the others and leave her behind," he returned indignantly.

Mrs. Coolidge thought a moment, and finally assented.

She well knew that too much opposition often whetted passion, and she had no desire to provoke Wilbur into being a champion for the governess, and accordingly gave her consent.

He met Brownie in the hall a few moments afterward, and told her of the arrangement for the evening.

Her face lighted with pleasure.

"Please, if I may be so bold as to make the request, wear something not quite so somber as this," and he just touched the black dress.

Her face grew very sad, and her eyes filled with tears. Miss Douglas had been dead just two months, and the thought of gay attire seemed unsuitable to her.

"Forgive me if I pain you, but I would like to see you for once as bright as the others," the young man added, and then passed on.

She knew her black dress would not be suitable for the opera, and yet she hesitated about changing it for two reasons.

Her own feelings rebelled against it, as if it were doing a wrong to Miss Mehetabel.

"And yet," she said, thinking it over, "I know auntie would not wish me to deprive myself of the pleasure of attending the opera, and I know, also, she would not like me to appear in such a place in black."

The other reason was the fear of displeasing Mrs. Coolidge if she made any change.

But that matter was settled for her by that lady herself. She came to her room during the day, repeating the invitation which Wilbur had given her, and concluded by saying:

"Miss Douglas, have you not something a little more appropriate that you could wear? This black is hardly the thing."

"I have several nice dresses which I used to wear upon such occasions, but I fear they are

hardly suitable for my position now," Brownie replied, with heightened color, for the first time alluding to the change in her circumstances.

"Ah!" said the matron, in surprise, and pleased with this evidence of the governess' modesty; then she added, patronizingly: "You have seen better days, I presume?"

"Yes, madam."

"Well, I leave the matter to your own judgment, only do not wear black, nor white, for Alma will wear that. Indeed," she added, after a moment's thought, "if you have a nice dress, Miss Douglas, wear it, for, as we are all going together, I do not care how nicely our party appears."

An amused smile curled her lips at the expression, "if you have a nice dress," and when the door closed after Mrs. Coolidge, she laughed outright.

Evidently she thought if the governess had seen better days, they could not have been very remarkable ones.

She crossed the room, and opened the trunk in which she had packed the richer portion of her clothing, and took out her evening dresses.

The decision was a difficult matter, and it was more than an hour before she could make up her mind which one of those beautiful garments it would do to wear.

She had no desire to outshine Miss Isabel.

But that young lady, with all her love for show and fashion, had nothing more elegant than Brownie's own wardrobe contained.

She at length fixed upon a delicate maize-colored silk, trimmed with puffs of soft illusion, and ruffles of fine thread lace.

When the hour came for dressing, she arrayed herself with a throbbing heart.

She had nearly completed her toilet, when Viola came sweeping in, lovely in blue silk and white tulle.

In her hands she carried a most exquisite bouquet of flowers.

She stood breathless on the threshold as she caught sight of Brownie.

"Miss Douglas," she at length exclaimed, "how perfectly lovely you are!"

"Thank you, Viola; but you are altogether too enthusiastic in your compliments," Brownie returned with a smile.

Yet as she glanced into the mirror, she grew suddenly conscious, and blushed with a sense of her own beauty.

Her hair was drawn away from her broad, low forehead, and knotted gracefully at the back of her small head.

Her beautiful neck gleamed through the misty folds, and her rounded arms were only half concealed by the fall of delicate lace from her sleeves.

She wore a finely-wrought chain of gold about her neck, from which was suspended the beautiful coral cross, set with brilliants, which her aunt had given her at the same time she gave her the other contents of the casket.

The butterfly hair ornament to match she had fastened in her glossy hair, and it sparkled and gleamed with her every movement.

She surely was lovely, as Viola said.

"I'm afraid your mamma will think me too fine," she said, half regretfully, and struck by the young girl's words.

"But," she added, "this is the simplest thing I have, unless I wear white, and your mamma said Alma was to dress in white."

"Miss Douglas, who—what are you?" Viola asked, an expression of perplexity on her young face.

"My dear, must I repeat my dreadful name? I am Mehetabel Douglas, and a poor governess," Brownie said gayly.

"I know that, of course; but have you been a fine lady at some time in your life?" demanded the young girl impatiently.

"That depends altogether upon what you mean by the term 'fine lady,' Viola."

"Why, one who has everything rich and elegant, and who goes among fashionable people."

Brownie smiled at this definition of the term, but she replied gravely and a little sadly:

"My dear, you have been so kind to me, I will gratify you in this, only please remember that I do not care to have it spoken of again. A year ago—yes, and much less—my prospects in life were as bright as your own are now. But death and misfortune took everything from me, and I was obliged to do something for my own support."

"Did you live in an elegant house, and have servants, horses and carriages?"

"Yes."

"Have you always had these things until now?"

"Yes, dear."

"Then you are every bit as good as we are, and it is a shame that you are not treated as an equal," burst from Viola's lips indignantly as she remembered all Isabel's sneers about "the governess," and her mother's scathing remarks about "that person, Miss Douglas."

"Hush, Viola!" Brownie said quietly, yet again smiling at the child's naive remark. "Shall I tell you what my idea of a fine lady is?"

"Yes, do," Viola said eagerly.

"In the first place, it is to be always kind and courteous to everyone; to respect one's self, so that one would never do a mean or cruel act; and never to triumph over or hold one's self above others who may be less fortunate in life."

"That's it! that's it! I only wish mamma and Isabel could hear you. They think they are fine ladies, but dear Miss Douglas, I'd rather be one after your standard, and I will!" and the impulsive girl threw her arms around Brownie's neck and kissed her heartily.

Brownie was afraid she had made a mistake in speaking thus.

She thought it wise now to change the subject, and asked:

"Where did you get such lovely flowers, dear?"

"Oh, I nearly forgot! Wilbur sent them to you, with his compliments," Viola said apologetically as she gave them to her.

Miss Douglas colored a vivid crimson.

She did not like to take gifts from him, knowing the feelings of Mrs. Coolidge and Isabel; and, at the same time, she did not like to wound him by refusing them.

"They are very beautiful, dear, and it is very kind of your brother to remember me. But there are so many of them, let me fasten this spray in your hair."

She took the loveliest cluster of white moss roses from the bouquet.

"There, see for yours!" Is it not an improvement?" she asked as her deft fingers wove it among Viola's golden braids.

"Thank you," the young girl said, her face beaming with pleasure. "But you have given me the prettiest you had, Miss Douglas," she added regretfully.

"And why shouldn't I, dear? I have not forgotten who was so kind and faithful to a poor, sick, useless little body when we were crossing the ocean," Brownie playfully replied as she kissed the flushed cheeks.

She then selected a few flowers for herself, and telling Viola that she was ready, they both descended to the drawing-room.

A hush of expectation followed their entrance.

Isabel's eagle eye took in at one sweeping glance the simple elegance of the governess' toilet, and her astonishment was plainly visible as she noticed those two almost priceless ornaments which she wore upon her bosom and in her hair.

"Indeed, Miss Douglas, I did not expect to see you quite so radiant," said Mrs. Coolidge in cold tones and wondering where her governess got such elegant jewels.

Brownie blushed deeply, but replied courteously:

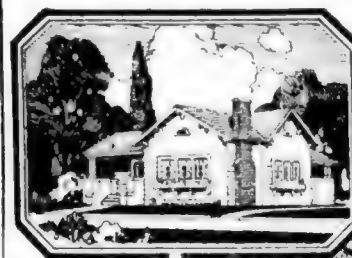
"Do I not meet your approbation, madam? If not, any change you may choose to suggest, I will gladly make."

"They'll spoil all her pleasure, the vixens," was Wilbur's inward comment, as his eyes rested upon her wonderful beauty, and gleamed with a stronger ray of love than he had heretofore dared betray.

Mrs. Coolidge knew she had tied her own tongue by what she had said to Brownie in her own

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"With This Extra Money -Earned at Home in Spare Time



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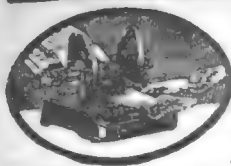
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No attention will be given any inquiry which lacks the sender's full name and address but we will print initials if so requested.

Mrs. W. H. L., North Carolina.—So-called "luminous" or "radiant" paint to shine in the dark, is an ordinary commercial product, put out and marketed in various forms. Consult your local paint dealers.

Miss L. H., Bellport, L. I.—A girl beginning training for nursing should have a high school education or its equivalent in general knowledge. Not all hospitals, however, establish educational requirements in their regulations concerning the admission of "probationers"—as student nurses are called. Write to the Superintendent, Mt. Sinai Hospital, 1 East 100th St., New York City, and ask that a pamphlet regarding the hospital's Training School for Nurses be sent you. You will gain all the information you require from this, and be aided in your procedure should you decide to apply for admittance to the training course of other hospitals. Your own nearby city of Brooklyn has the big Kings County Hospital to which you might also apply.

R. W., Farraville, Tex.—The drying of furs is not a job which can be successfully accomplished at home by inexperienced hands. We advise that you place your furs in the hands of one of the many firms who do this work.

E. O., Kansas City, Mo.—A diamond is a crystallized form of common carbon. Many efforts have been made to manufacture diamonds artificially, but with little success. Nature's laboratory still holds the record in production. One experimenter after millions of labor and the expenditure of some two thousand dollars produced diamond powder worth about one hundred cents. (2) An acetylene cutting torch can be raised to a temperature of 3,500 degrees Fahrenheit and constitutes the most economical method of cutting old metal for scrapping, etc. The highest electric furnace temperature obtainable is about 3,500 degrees Centigrade.

L. B., Simpson, Va.—Thimbles are thought to have been first used by the Chinese at some very early period unrecorded in history. Thimbles very like those in use today have been found among Roman relics. The introduction of the thimble into Europe is popularly credited to one Nicholas Van Benschoten of Amsterdam, who, in the 17th century, gave to Dutch housewives this aid in the making of their aprons and bonnets.

D. B. H., Maine.—To ask us to tell if you can make money through show card writing or through knitting socks is as if you asked us whether you could make a living, say as a carpenter or a dressmaker. It depends in each instance upon how well you learn to do your work and if you can find a market for your labor after your trade is learned. These are the questions which must be answered. Also how clever you are naturally will count, and how much you know of the manual dexterity. You must be large and do not.

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M. R., Denver, Col.—Probably what was the first experiment in wireless telegraphy was that of Samuel F. B. Morse who, in 1842, sent signals across a Washington, D. C., canal without wires. The distance was but 50 feet in this experiment. In 1852, Prof. Dolbear of Tufts College was awarded a patent for a method of telegraphic induction. However, the real development of what is popularly known as "radio" dates from the discoveries of an Italian, Guglielmo Marconi. In 1896

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R. L. A., Easton, Va.—Although we have to tell you that color blindness usually dates from birth and is regarded as incurable, yet we would not think you need worry too much concerning this minor physical defect. Surely the sky is blue to you and the trees green. Four out of every hundred men are said to have color blindness in a more or less degree. The defect is far less common in women, nature thus allowing them to pick out the colors of their frocks with more assurance. The best that eye specialists can do is to tell us that color blindness is due to some unknown condition of the retina or optic centers. Color blindness has sometimes been known to develop through disease, or through excessive use of tobacco.

Mrs. M. A., Cantonment, Ala.—In the summer of 1800, Samuel de Champlain, the French navigator, discovered Lake Champlain during an expedition in which he accompanied the Abenaki and Huron Indians against the Iroquois of the Iroquois. The year 1800 was the first time that the discovery of Samuel de Champlain, and it is the reason you are now finding so much about Lake Champlain and its discovery at the time concerning which you write.

C. M. B., Minnesota.—Sir Thomas Button was an English navigator who in the early part of the 17th century became the discoverer of Hudson Bay. In the exploration of the northwestern coast of North America, these discoveries of Button's took place in 1612-13, during which period he was frozen in and wintered on the shores of Hudson Bay. Button, after his return to England, had a series of disputes with the Admiralty which resulted in making his old age unhappy. He died in 1634. Too little is known of the career of the brave man and his navigation.

Mrs. L. D. C., Las Cruces, N. M.—Pure Hydrogen, which is fourteen and one-half times as light as air, is the gas used in making airships. You could not produce this gas and use it as a balloon with the apparatus and machinery now in use. The frames of balloons and dirigibles are made from aluminum, but not the gas bags. These last are constructed from several layers of silk cloth, interlined with rubber. The whole bag is covered with special varnish to make it more impervious to air.

C. A. J., St. Louis, Mo.—See reply to Mrs. L. D. C., Las Cruces, N. M., in this issue. There is a small but constant leakage of gas in all balloons, and it would be impossible to construct a gas bag that could be inflated and remain inflated for any length of time. The only way to keep a gas bag inflated is to use a special apparatus, which is not practical for use in a dirigible or balloon.

Mrs. E. B. M. K., Indianapolis.—Your Lincoln penny of 1909 is worth no more than its face value, you are mistaken in believing there is any premium offered for coins of this issue.

H. H. R., Alhambra.—You can polish this cow horn with ground pumice stone and linseed oil, but if done by hand it will require persistence and hard rubbing.

Z. C., Smithville, Tex.—You should inquire of the officials of your nearest bank concerning the workings of the Federal Farm Loan act.

Mrs. F. W. T., Girard, Ala.—Any stories which you hope to sell should be submitted by you to magazines which print fiction of the same type you are producing. Your manuscript should be typewritten and contain your name and address on the upper right hand corner. Always enclose sufficient postage for return mailing and send your manuscript flat or folded. (2) If you sell a story to a magazine, the publisher of the story gives you the right to obtain a copyright on any of your work, you can obtain application blanks and full particulars by applying to the Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C.

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Friday for losses,
Saturday no day at all.

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Married in white, you have chosen all right;
Married in gray, you will go far away;
Married in black, you will wish yourself dead;
Married in red, you will wish yourself dead;
Married in green, ashamed to be seen;
Married in blue, he will always be true;
Married in purple, you will live in a whirl;
Married in brown, ashamed of your fellow;
Married in brown, you will live out of town;
Married in pink, your spirit will sink.

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When the February birds do mate,
If you marry when March winds blow,
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Marry in April when you can,
Joy for maiden and for man,
Marry in the month of May,
You will surely rue the day,
Marry when June roses blow,
They'll land and sea you'll go,
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room, but she inwardly resolved that the next thing should never happen again. "Your costume is rather rich for your position," she remarked, with well-assumed indifference. "It is of no consequence for one." Then, as they left the house, she whispered to her daughter: "No one need know but that she is a guest. 'It's fine, isn't it, to have your governess shine your own daughter?' I do hope this experience will teach you wisdom," grumbled the envious girl.

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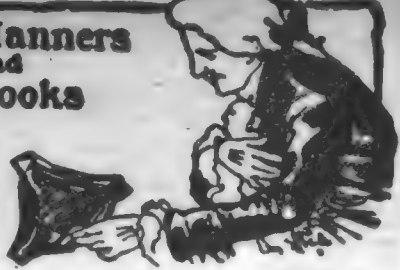
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BLUE EYES, Norfolk, N. Y.—Say to the boy who makes these pleasant remarks of departure: "It has been a delightful evening, hasn't it? I hope we'll have another one like it some time." And of course you can throw in a smile or two and a word of "good by." (2) Do not attempt to give any "wedding breakfast." It would require more form and effort than your simple home wedding would permit, we think. A good plan for a home ceremony is to serve buffet refreshments. That is refreshments which are carried from one or more main tables to the guests who may be seated as they will. Such a buffet menu might suitably include: tomato bouillon, chicken salad, bread and butter sandwiches, coffee, ice cream, and fancy cakes.

JANE OF WEST VIRGINIA.—You say this boy "thought it best to discontinue keeping company until school was out," but you give no reasons why he made this decision or why he should still be able to keep company with another girl. On the face of what you write, we think your parents are correct in feeling you should break with this young man after such an action on his part. And surely you do not want to try and hang on to him when he has rather obviously dropped you for another girl. Show him you can do some "dropping" too.

E. P., Cottonwood, Tex.—We think there are many things a young man would rather have as a gift than an embroidered towel. Why not some hand-embroidered handkerchiefs, a crocheted tie, or a silk muffler? A towel, to our notion, is too much like giving a cake of soap or a tooth-brush.

T. W., Greensboro, N. C.—A "Merry Christmas!" may be answered by the same greeting as heartily given. The same would apply to the greeting of "Happy New Year!" although in this instance one could say: "I wish you the same—and many of them."

C. H., Athens, Tex.—The trouble with gossip is that people, particularly in small communities, love to repeat it and pass it on, often added to and embroidered. You are unfortunate if this girl's enmity is causing her to spread trouble-making untruths about you. You have no defense except to contradict the stories when they reach your ears. As for those who do not believe you when you contradict the falsehoods, why you can safely ignore them, as they cannot be your friends or really wish you well. If your own conduct in your small community continues to be correct and proper, you are sure even the unfair-minded gossip-lovers will finally be won over to knowing they have been listening to tales of spite and not of truth. But look out the next time and do not stir up any woman's tongue to tell evil of you.

E. J. H., Texas.—At sixteen you need not worry too much because you find it embarrassing to get up and read in public. You will find that you will outgrow this difficulty. It will help you to fix your eyes on your book and your mind on what you are reading. Forget those who are listening and do not think they are watching you so eagerly. Explain to your teacher how bashful you are about reading in class, and we are sure she can tell you things to help and encourage you. Why, lots of great actors tell us how their knees knocked together the first time they appeared on the stage. You are young, and a few years will cure much.

CAROLINA BROWN EYES.—Candy or cigarettes would be welcome gifts at any time to a soldier in Uncle Sam's army, also a well equipped sewing kit, or a pipe and a supply of tobacco. Has this soldier a fountain pen? (2) If your sisters are not at home, and your mother needs aid in preparing supper, it would be quite correct for you to explain this to your caller and ask him to excuse you for a while that you might help in arranging the meal at which he is to be a guest. We will understand this and appreciate your frankness, we are sure.

H. P., Tunnelton, West Va.—Your traveling costume, together with your hat, would be entirely appropriate for your wearing at this hotel where you will be for two days during your wedding trip. You may appear in this way at either breakfast, luncheon or dinner. Your husband will do the ordering for both—you having indicated to him what you wish to eat. A fruit, a cereal, eggs in some form, and rolls and coffee, make up a conventional and full breakfast. For luncheon, select something from the menu under the "entrees." These are ready-prepared dishes of a simple nature. Add to your entree a salad—green or fruit—if you like, and a dessert of some sort may follow, with coffee. For dinner, soup or oysters are well to begin with, followed by any meat and vegetables you prefer. Some frozen dessert makes the best action to dish the chief meal of the day. In your first visit to a big hotel, watch others. You can learn much in this way.

BLUE EYES OF VIRGINIA.—In your little informal evening party, you may safely do away with supper and serve your guests simple refreshments in your parlor or living-room. Fruit, nuts and candy, such as you mention, together with home-made cake and hot chocolate, ought to form pleasant and really sumptuous "eats" for your little festivity.

C. M., Enfield, Ill.—According to the strict interpretation of etiquette, a girl would receive no gifts but those of candy, flowers or books from a man to whom she was not engaged. So why not give this girl a box of candy? Or one of those nice Christmas packages, tied with a big red bow and with a box covered with holly. And you need no form of words in presenting it. Just hand it over with a smile and a "Merry Christmas!"

E. A. Y., Underwood, N. D.—A surprise party conducted according to rules would be a poor sort of a surprise. No rule but a good time should be the motto for these happy informal frolics. Sometimes many of the refreshments are brought by the "surprisers"—particularly when the party is a large one and the one surprised is thought to be unprepared. Of course the latter helps out from his or her own cellar and pantry. Apples, nuts, cider, cake, doughnuts and coffee—all make suitable jollity-fillers. Natural leaders crop up in an all-host affair like this, and games are suggested and played; dancing takes place to the music of phonograph or piano—and a good time is "had by all" until the stars begin to get pale a little in the winter sky.

M. C., Springbrook, Wis.—Yes; a box of stationery would make a suitable gift for this boy—as well as an encouragement for him to write to you often.

L. C., Butler, Ill.—Even if this boy does not seem so fond, why worry so long as he may be a regular Sunday caller? If there is something on his mind he may come out with it, but you will gain nothing by hints or by letting him see you are growing dissatisfied. Treat him as well, or better than ever, and await events. Perhaps it is only his liver or a gumboil. Boys are queer creatures. We know a case where a girl was desperate and thought a boy had ceased to love her, when the real trouble was her own head had begun a mail-order course in radio. He could not broadcast in two ways at once. Many things can temporarily drive love out of a boy's heart—particularly when he has been going with one girl for a year and two months. You have no reason to break with this boy, nor he with you. We are sure it will all turn out right—if he is the right sort and there is no other girl somewhere in the background. These "other girls" make a lot of trouble.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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see what the courts would do with that son, and then I would go away and start over again. There is always a second chance for those that really try. "Humph, she is an old maid or a hen-peck." I beg your pardon, but I am neither. I am young and single, and expect to remain so for some time. At least, I hope my mother-in-law to be will not have to ask some one if I will be a disgrace to her son.

I think COMFORT is a wonderful paper. I enjoy every page of it. I like the Sisters' Corner best, followed a close second by the League of Cousins. I have written to several people, but was never fortunate enough to get an answer. Probably they thought I wasn't worth wasting two cents on, and maybe they were right, but I will have the satisfaction of knowing that Mrs. Wilkinson will read this one.

I am a little over five feet in height, have brown eyes, brown hair, a slightly turned up nose, and am not at all handsome. I am two—but there, 'm not going to tell you how old I am.

I would be pleased to get letters from any who care to write, young or old, and will do my best to answer. Love and best wishes to all. HARB.

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10. Disbelieving ill reports.

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MAUD MAGER.

Maud.—You should receive heaps and heaps of pictures for your album if for no other reason than to repay you for the ten very good commandments you sent. If only we could live up to all of them. Let's try.—Ed.

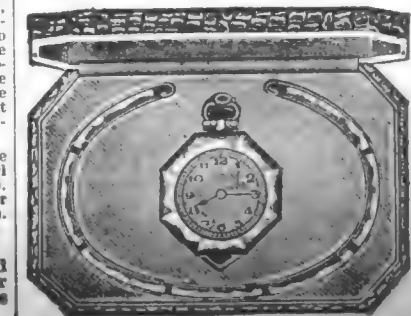
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IT so happened that Bob Langford arrived at Lookout Terrace when virtually all its guests were either abroad, or asleep, so that only a couple of drowsy bellboys and an old lady engaged in solitaire witnessed his coming. And they immediately forgot it.

One would have said at first glance that the new arrival was close upon thirty, but further observation would have curtailed that estimate by at least five years. The serious, searching gray eyes had a way of smiling suddenly, and taking you quite off guard. They did so now as Langford and the clerk lingered in close conversation over the register.

An onlooker might have wondered at the amount of time consumed by these two in discussing a certain placard, which the clerk had at once handed Langford; but bellboys are beyond surprise, and the old lady was assiduously studying her next move. Besides, whichever way one might turn, he was inevitably confronted by a duplicate of this selfsame placard. In bold, heavy type its message would catch and hold his roaming eyes even as his hesitant foot first crossed the threshold.

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For something like thirty minutes the conversation between clerk and guest continued. Then Langford, having registered, was escorted by a strutting bellboy to the room assigned him.

Now, if there was any one outstanding feature upon which Lookout Terrace was prone to plume itself, that feature was service. Accordingly in less than five minutes after Langford had taken possession of his new quarters, a maid tapped quietly to inquire whether there was anything further he desired.

"Nothing whatever," declared Langford, lighting a cigarette. His quick glance swept her shapely form, clad in trim costume of black and white, then mounted to the rich auburn braid encircling her head, and rested there admiringly. "That is, nothing but this," he amended. "You might tell me your name. See, I expect to be hanging on for a while. Snappy climate, and everything." He gazed dreamily toward a sunlit window. "And since I'm to be seeing you every day—His gray eyes, wandering back, met hers with an engaging smile.

"My name's Katie Cobb." The creamy whiteness of her skin was tinged with a sudden color, which receded just as suddenly.

"Katie!" echoed Langford with approval. "Queer, now, but my only sister is named Katie. She's a pure blonde, though, like me. You have lovely brown eyes, Katie."

This time the maid's poise was unshaken. "If you don't wish anything further—That's all, thank you, Katie." The young man's tone was studiously respectful and even before her hurried exit the girl caught the metallic click of released baggage lock.

In the days that followed, Katie often came upon Langford in his room. At first she would attempt retreat, but always the young man would assure her that her activities in no way disturbed him. Apparently he preferred the sanctuary of his own apartment to the stir and bustle prevailing outside.

"Listen to this, Katie," he would confide over the top of his book. "The villain has grabbed her by the throat. Hot dog! I'm pretending that the heroine is that crochety Miss Penny, and that I'm the 'heavy'."

Katie would laugh at that. Then her big eyes would darken eloquently as she would fall to recounting the latest exactions on the part of the awful Miss Penny.

Thus, in one way or another, they would discuss the different guests, enjoying together their various idiosyncrasies. And on the third day Langford mentioned the name of Huffaker.

"How many sparklers was it, now, Katie?" he abruptly inquired as she was spreading his bed. "The Huffaker pin, you know. My sister always would hold out for exact figures." He did not look up from his letter writing, but through a mirror which faced him he caught the girl's startled look, as she paused with sheet uplifted.

"There were—Didn't it say ten, sir?" Search me. But on the level, Katie, was the pin such a peach, after all?" He turned to face her.

"Was it? I only wish you could have seen it!" Her face took on a radiant glow. "It was the most gorgeous—" Suddenly she stopped.

"I get you, Katie." Langford resumed his writing. After a moment, "What sort of folks are the Huffakers. Katie? Agreeable?"

"Very indeed. The madam never has much to say. She's dippy about playing solitaire. But the gentleman often stops for a word with me."

"About the theft—I mean loss?" Langford had caught the girl's sharp intake of breath. She appeared to weigh her words carefully before replying. "Yes, about the—loss. He tells me that the wallet was a gift from his son, who died in France. Keeps the boy's picture out on the dresser all the time. m' awful sorry about the wallet."

"And its contents, Katie?"

"The Huffakers won't miss the stuff," she answered with a click of her sharp little teeth. "You've said it. Some folks have it all, don't they? Close the door as you go out, will you, Katie? Rheumatism and draughts sorter clash, you know."

On the sixth morning, as Katie entered Langford's room, she found him with head bowed upon the table, and writing material pushed to one side.

"It's these rheumatic twinges, Katie," he explained, looking up mournfully. "Guess I'll have to pull out from here. My sister's going to be awfully cut up, though, at not getting her daily news."

He indicated the poorly scrawled beginning of a note, then worked the fingers of his right hand stiffly by way of explanation.

"If you could only tell me what to write,"

exclaimed Katie with instant sympathy. "Not that I write so plain. But maybe she could make it out."

"Katie, I just knew you were a trump. And this time there's not much to dope out." Rising, Langford courteously motioned the girl to his chair. Then, from the depths of an adjacent rocker, slowly, between puffs of his cigarette, he dictated the following message:

"Dear Katie:
"Here six days now. Room for improvement. Sharp pains in right arm. Tea too strong, probably. Meet Green bill for me on first. Important. Bush can wait."
"Bob."

The girl neatly folded the letter, and at his direction addressed the envelope. But when she was about to seal this, Langford arrested her with a gesture.

"There's a—little souvenir to be inclosed, Katie. Must have mislaid the darned thing. He looked searchingly about for a moment. "So if you'll just leave the note unsealed—"

Katie met his frank smile levelly.

"Certainly," was all she said. But at the door she paused to look back. And it seemed to Langford that the large dark eyes held more than a hint of veiled amusement.

"Now, I wonder—" he began doubtfully, then gave his head an energetic shake. "No, it couldn't be," he assured himself. He strode to the door and turned the key noiselessly in the lock. Resuming his seat at the table he spread Katie's note before him, and upon a fresh sheet of paper painstakingly transcribed certain of its words. His task completed, he ran his eye through the following lines:

"Meet me Green Bush Tea Room six sharp. Important."
"Katie."

It lacked yet some ten minutes of six that afternoon when Langford, followed by the dignified figure of Huffaker emerged from the winding mountain trail that led down to the Green Bush Tea Room. Though the face of each was tense with expectancy, no words passed between them.

It must have been then, the sound of their footfall that startled a certain young man who stood in the clearing not far away; for he wheeled sharply about, revealing to their astonished gaze the girl who stood facing him.

"The maid!" ejaculated Huffaker.

"Yes. It's she, all right," acquiesced Langford slowly.

His eyes still held the girl's unblinkingly as he and Huffaker drew near. Indeed, it was with an obvious effort that he pulled himself together and turned to her companion.

"Akers," he whispered out. "I believe that's the moniker at present? You recognize Mr. Huffaker, don't you?"

He paused. But the features of the young man confronting him remained immobile.

"What? Don't tell me you've forgotten him. After that handsome tip he gave you? You waiters are an ungrateful bunch!"

"He—was generous," suddenly conceded the young man addressed, after a moment's hesitation.

"That's the stuff. So you do recall your services at his table? Let me see. His wife was wearing the diamond brooch that evening, wasn't she?"

This time there was no reply. Only a quick narrowing of the eyes gave proof that the ears were alert.

"Oh, well! At any rate, that brings me to the object of our—gr. intrusion." Langford smiled suddenly. His gray eyes, alight with mockery, strayed to Katie's, then darkened as the girl instantly averted her face. Recalling himself he turned abruptly back to her companion.

Your little games gone on the blink at last, Akers. I'm Detective Bob Langford. There? I see you've heard of me. I've gathered. I just want to add, however, that it was Mr. Huffaker's idea, not mine, to make the arrest in the midst of this—this modern Eden. Again the ready smile.

The young fellow who called himself Akers turned toward Huffaker, a half-sneer tugging at the grim line of his lips.

"Such courtesy overwhelms me. I am—" But Huffaker cut him short. "I once had a boy of my own," he said huskily, "so I desired to spare you whatever humiliation I could."

Here Katie, bending the speaker aside, threw herself before Langford, her face strained with emotion. "Let him off this time," she pleaded glancing toward Akers. For his poor mother—ah, give him one more chance. He stole the gems to buy her food. You know, the kind the doctor says she must have. And his arrest would kill her. Anyhow, it's his first job. That ought to help, oughtn't it?" She turned toward Huffaker, with tears barely suppressed. "You wouldn't have him pinched the very first time, would you? It would ruin his whole life. You're not willing to do that, are you? Think of your own boy."

Before the distressed Huffaker could make reply, the young fellow who called himself Akers had jerked something from his pocket. "There!" he cried dramatically. "They're all there—money, brooch, everything—just as they were when she handed the wallet to me."

As Huffaker seized the extended wallet, his grateful eyes sought Katie's questioningly.

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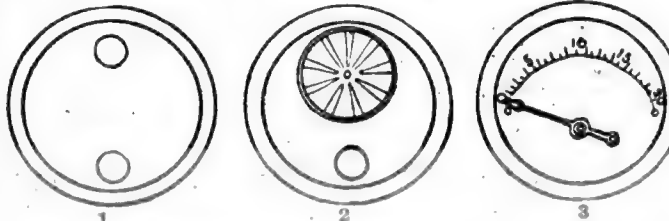
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Oil Gauges

OIL gauges of different designs are becoming standard equipment on many of the present day cars. The gauge referred to is the one fitted on the dash in plain sight of the operator, which enables him to know whether or not the motor lubrication system is functioning properly. If the motor has splash lubrication using a pipe line to carry the oil to basins for the main bearings and connecting rods, a gauge fitted with a revolving wheel or just a chamber for catching the lubricant will in all probability be the type of gauge installed. The gauge is frequently referred to as "sight feed" because it really performs the function of permitting the driver to see the oil circulate. The oil is pumped from the main reservoir in the motor through a pipe line to the gauge or "sight feed" on the dash. At this point it passes through the gauge and spins the wheel or fills the chamber provided. The oil then flows through another pipe line from the gauge to the several basins in the motor. Should the gauge on the dash refuse to operate when the motor is running, first determine that there is oil in the motor. Should the indicator on the crank case or oil reservoir show that there is sufficient lubricant make sure that the indicator is not sticking. If the indicator is of the finger type, the hand is liable to become stuck with dirt or gummed lubricant. If necessary, drain off the oil to determine the amount in the motor. On a cold day the oil is apt to thicken to a point where it will not circulate until the temperature of the lubricant is raised.



1. Visible flow with inlet at top and outlet at bottom.
2. Same as No. 1, except that flow is more visible by reason of small disc which revolves.
3. Pressure system using dial which indicates pounds of oil pressure.

Next look over the pipe line leading to the gauge as the line may be broken, kinked or the connection loose or broken.

A gauge indicating the oil circulation in pounds will probably be used in connection with the back pressure of the oil. The pipe lines described above are used with the exception that the line leading from the gauge is fastened into the main bearings or into a hollow crankshaft. Instead of gradually working into the bearings as does the oil when the splash system is used, the lubricant is forced by pressure into the bearings. Naturally there is considerable resistance to the oil flow causing the back pressure which is recorded by the gauge on the dash. If the pump is operating properly and the gauge does not show the proper pressure, the inspection should be directed for a loose or broken distribution pipe. If the oil should leak out of this pipe, the resistance to the flow of oil would be cut down and of course the gauge would record a lower pressure.

Useful Pointers Corroded Terminals

Loose or corroded battery terminals will frequently cause sufficient current to flow for lights and ignition but not enough current for the electric starter. In explanation it is necessary to state that only a few amperes will take care of lights and ignition while a much greater amount of current is needed for the starter. Loose or corroded terminals will frequently not permit of such a large amount of current leaving the battery as the resistance is too great to overcome. The terminals should be clean and securely tightened. There are many advocates of coating the terminals with vaseline or just plain grease to prevent corrosion. This should be done, however, immediately after cleaning the terminals.

Uneven Brakes

When the brakes are properly adjusted, the car will swerve to the side, the direction of course depending on which side the brake takes hold first. Such a condition produces skids. A easy method of determining whether the brakes are equally adjusted is to jack both rear wheels free from the floor. Have a friend apply the brake pedal a little at a time. While the friend holds the position of the pedal, you turn one rear wheel and then the other. If one wheel locks before the other, the brakes are not properly adjusted and a new setting should be made so that both wheels lock at the same time.

Proper Use of Horn

In this motorized age, the motorist is apt to lose sight of the fact that the pedestrian has certain rights and that he is entitled to consideration. Numerous drivers use the horn as a means to frighten the pedestrian rather than to warn him. I have seen drivers approach within a few feet of a pedestrian on the road at which point he would sound the horn and expect the walker to jump to one side. Besides being anything but a courteous act, the practice is dangerous. All people are not physically and mentally perfect. The person on the road may be deaf, physically incapacitated so that he is unable to act quickly or his mental powers may not function properly. There is no way of determining just what action, if any, the pedestrian will take, and therefore the horn should be used for a warning signal rather than a means to frighten. The horn should be sounded from 100 to 200 feet away, depending on the speed at which the car is being driven. The person signaled is then in position to select a place of safety rather than be compelled to jump to any convenient spot where in wet weather he may get splattered with mud, or should he move to the left, get struck by a car approaching from the opposite direction. Be considerate.

Tire Chains

Adjust the chains so that they do not grip the tires too tightly. A properly adjusted chain will gradually creep around the tire. A chain that is adjusted snugly will not creep and will cause rapid wear at the points where the cross links come in contact with the tire.

Lamp Rims

Some head and spot lamps are fitted with a type of rim which must be twisted so that the lens may be removed. If the lens has not been removed for a long period it is possible for the rim to become rusted in position so that it resists all attempts to remove it by hand pressure. Remove the belt from your trousers and place it around the rim, passing the end through the buckle in the usual manner. Pull the belt tight

around the rim, after which a jerk will usually dislodge the most stubborn rim.

A-B-C Signs

Drivers who do not frequent the larger cities are apt to have their curiosity aroused at the following letters which are painted on the pavement at intersections: A-B-C. They are significant of "Always Be Careful."

Combined Braking

The average driver will throw out the clutch when applying the brakes. It is good practice in some cases and necessary if the driver is in the learning stage as otherwise he is apt to stall the motor. However, if the driver has reached the experienced class he can do most of the car braking with the clutch engaged and obtain more efficient braking. For those who have never tried braking the car with the clutch engaged, the driver should first operate his car on high gear with the throttle fully retarded. Take notice of the car speed with the throttle fully retarded. Bear in mind that the car can operate at this idling speed and that the motor will not stall with the brakes applied until the speed of the car is reduced to this point. We will assume that the throttle lever is fully retarded and that the car is being operated at about 25 miles per hour by means of the foot accelerator. You drive into traffic and desire to slow down quickly. Take the foot of the foot accelerator and apply the service brake. The engine immediately acts as a brake and materially assists the service brake in reducing the speed of the car.

When the speed of the car is reduced to a point just above the idling speed, determined as suggested above, throw out the clutch as otherwise a still lower reduction in speed would be liable to cause stalling of the engine. As long as the car is not reduced in speed to a point where it will equal or drop below the speed at which the car operates with the throttle lever fully retarded, it is safe to brake with the clutch engaged. When operating on ordinary down grades, it is not necessary to throw out the clutch as a closed throttle and accelerator causes the motor to act as a brake and if not sufficient to check the speed of the car, assistance with the service brake should be all that is needed. After a little practice, the driver will find that his car has more braking power than he ever realized, providing, of course, that he has always done the braking with the clutch thrown out. The advantages of this method are quicker braking action, quicker pick up, less wear on the clutch and gears.

Answers to Correspondents

CUT-OUT, CARBONIZING.—Have had the best cut-out money can buy installed in my 1914, 1922 model Chevrolet which I drive about 27 miles a day on a rural mail route and use the cut-out on seven or eight miles of it. How often do you think the carbon ought to be cleaned out of the cylinders?

R. E. M. Roanoke, Va.
A.—I cannot but assume that you do not fully understand the purpose of the cut-out. Your letter leads me to believe that you expect the cut-out to reduce the accumulation of carbon in the motor. It will do nothing of the kind as its purpose is foreign to carbon or its cause. When the automobile industry was in its infancy, the mufflers were not so efficient as they are today. Especially was the inability of the muffler to get rid of the exhaust gases noticeable on high speeds. The result was back pressure, which of course impaired the efficiency of the motor. The purpose of the cut-out is to open a gate so that the exhaust gases can pass directly into the atmosphere without going through the muffler. Today, mufflers are much more efficient than was the case years ago and the use of a cut-out is not deemed necessary by the majority of car manufacturers. I know of tests that have proven that the muffler is capable of efficiently handling the exhaust gases for all road work. Many people like to hear the roar of the exhaust and believe that the sound is indicative of greater power but I am certain that if they people could place their ears to actual tests they would fail to find any increase of power.

Regarding the periods at which the carbon should be removed, this matter depends mostly on the grade of oil used. Some oils deposit a greater amount of carbon than others and it is therefore necessary for the operator to keep check on his engine. The carbon should be removed at the time that the motor knocks on grades then you will know that the carbon should be attended to. Knocking on grades is one of the first indications of a large accumulation of carbon.

The knocking when first starting on a cold morning, complaint for this time of the year, is due to the carburetor being a trifle lean for a cold motor. If you want to correct the condition, try a trifle richer mixture. However, since you state that the motor runs smoothly after running for a few blocks, I would not recommend touching the carburetor adjustment as you will obtain a much better mileage with the present setting than you would by adjusting.

STEERING-WHEEL LOCK, GENERATOR, FUEL PUMP, GENERATOR.—I have a new model Ford with a steering wheel lock. (1) Is a steering wheel lock to be used? If not, why not? Could not the lock be removed with a wrench or screwdriver in a few minutes? (2) Why does a Ford generator need to be grounded when the terminal when car is used with storage battery out?

C. P. S. Tripp, S. Dak.
A.—Steering wheel locks are considered efficient as their use insures against anyone steering the car. A car that cannot be steered cannot be driven. There are several of these locks on the market and I do not know the particular type in which you are interested. When locked, most of the appliances of this kind cannot be removed by screwdriver or wrench.

The generator must be grounded when the storage battery is removed because it is designed for closed circuit duty. Removing the battery opens the circuit and unless steps are taken to short circuit the generator, or in other words render it inoperative, abnormal voltage would be generated and the windings would burn out.

MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT.—(1) Why is not a belt drive as good as a chain drive for a motorcycle? (2) Would you recommend a two- or four-cycle motor where heavy duty is required? (3) Can tire chains be used successfully on a light-weight motorcycle?

N. O. M. Kavene, W. Va.
A.—The belt drive predominated on the earlier types of motorcycles. These were either flat-faced or V-shaped. It is my understanding that the chain drive superseded the belt drive when heavier and more powerful motorcycles were built. The complaint was that the belt drive caused too much slippage. For a light-weight machine, I believe that a V-belt drive would afford satisfaction.

If we are able to judge from the number of machines built, we must arrive at the decision that the four-stroke cycle is by far the most popular.

I do not know of any reason why tire chains cannot be used successfully. I have even seen bicycles fitted with tire chains.

VACUUM FEED UNNECESSARY FOR FORD.—In September COMFORT you explained the vacuum feed system. Please tell me whether or not such an equipment can be

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used on a 1922 model Ford; also where it can be obtained.

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A.—The vacuum feed for gasoline is standard equipment on the majority of cars. The vacuum system can be purchased from any accessory store. The price is low. Regarding the practicability of installing it on your 1922 Ford, it can be installed on almost any car made. However, the question arises as to the benefit you will derive by installing this system. The tank on your car is under the front seat and is sufficiently elevated to permit the fuel to flow from the tank to the carburetor by gravity. Builders of higher priced cars desired to use the space under the front seat for other purposes such as storage of tools, etc., while others desired to lower the seat to a point where it was impossible to install a tank. The solution of this problem was to suspend the gasoline tank at the rear of the chassis and utilize the vacuum system to insure a flow of fuel to the carburetor. When the tank is suspended at the rear of the chassis, you will understand that the tank is at a lower elevation than the carburetor and that a means of carrying the fuel out of this tank so as to feed the carburetor is essential. Unless you are considering the converting of your car into a racy type, using a low front seat and a tank at the rear of the car, I would not advise your installing the vacuum system, as the results would not warrant the expense.

STORAGE BATTERY IN PLACE OF DRY CELLS.—I have a Case car, model R, made in 1914. It is equipped with low tension Bosch magneto and dry battery of four cells. Can I rearrange this so as to store on a storage battery instead of dry cells? The car is new as it has been in storage since it was made. What kind of carburetor and what make of storage battery would you recommend?

H. T. W. Eckley, Colorado.
A.—I assume that you intend to purchase a storage battery to replace the dry cells for starting. There are a number of storage batteries from which you can make a selection. They all have their good points and it would not be proper on my part to state the name of a particular battery that I might favor. I do not believe that you will experience any difficulty in connecting the storage battery to the same terminals from which you will disconnect the dry cells. If the carburetor that came on the car does not work satisfactorily write the makers for advice as to a change.

HARD STARTING FORD.—We have a 1914 Ford touring car which will not start on magneto at all, and it is next to impossible to start it on battery. We have a six-cell Columbia Hot Shot battery in it but nearly always have to jack up the rear wheels to start it. Have tightened magneto point and put in new wires. All connections are tight and the timer is new and in first-class condition. Car pulls strong on magneto after it is started, and makes 45 miles an hour easily. Engine has been overhauled and as near as mechanic can see is all right. Can you tell us where the trouble lies?

H. B. Crown Point, N. Y.
A.—I am assuming that the difficulty is due to the difficulty of the installation of the new battery for starting purposes should insure the presence of a hot spark in the cylinders. The jacking of the rear wheel and placing the car in high gear permits the operator to spin the motor over faster. When starting on magneto, this procedure will produce a closer field, providing any play exists. However, a closer field has nothing to do with your case as you use battery for starting. I am of the opinion that you should open up the carburetor for starting and after the motor hits perfectly cut the mixture down.

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winter, feed alfalfa or clover hay in connection with the grain ration. At all times keep the boar muscular and active, if you want large litters of healthy pigs—the kind that lift the mortgage.

Eradicating Cockroaches

Cockroaches, once a pest known mainly in city bakeries and restaurants and on shipboard, have now become a serious problem in many farm kitchens. Their habits are well and unfavorably known to all housewives who have had the misfortune to encounter the "peaky critters" in their kitchens and pantries. Cockroaches collect in dark, damp hiding places around sinks, drain pipes and mopboards where they can live undisturbed. This retiring habit, together with the fact that they are nocturnal, and their ability to scurry rapidly and escape through narrow openings when disturbed, makes it possible for them to become numerous before their presence is discovered.

Only four species of roaches are widely distributed pests in the United States, though several less important varieties are known. The most troublesome varieties are: the German roach or "Croton bug," the American roach, the Oriental roach and the Australian roach. Of these the first is perhaps most widely distributed. The American roach, in company with the other three varieties, is an "undesirable immigrant," having been introduced into this country from Central America.

While the life history of the roaches still is not fully understood by entomologists, it is known that some roaches live for a year or more—a rather long lifetime for an insect. Each female lays several batches of eggs during her lifetime; the eggs are carried around by the mother until almost ready to hatch when they are dropped in to some warm, damp, dark place where the young may thrive in safety.

How Roaches Spread

Roaches are great travelers. If for any reason they become dissatisfied with their quarters they will promptly migrate to another dwelling. These migrations usually take place through tunnels, conduits or open sewers in cities, but where such passages are not to be found, a migration above ground takes place during the night. In this manner a building formerly free of the pests may become infested over night, and the same habit also explains the sudden disappearance of roaches from infested quarters. In the country, however, they are usually introduced in packing boxes, in the paper or other wrappings of shipments received from city warehouses, or in old bags of burlap used to wrap nursery stock, machinery parts, or even sugar or other bulk edibles. Once introduced, they thrive and rapidly propagate in their new home. A sure proof of their presence in a dwelling, though they may not yet have been seen, is a certain unpleasant odor which pervades the premises and is very difficult to eliminate.

In attempting to eradicate roaches, it is well to remember that all varieties are general feeders. By this we mean that they will eat raw meats, starchy foods, forgotten fermenting messes in the fruit cellar, or garbage that is not disposed of at once. They are especially attracted to greasy surfaces of kitchen sinks or tables, but are repelled by liberal use of soapsuds and washing powders.

Poisons and Repellents

Among the best roach eradicators, especially for use against the large American roach, is made as follows: Cook three cups of flaked meal with water until it is about the consistency of thin mush. Add to the cooked mixture one cup of molasses (not corn syrup) and one yeast-cake softened in a little water, allowing to stand until fermented, then add two tablespoonfuls of arsenic of lead. Spread around in places where roaches abound—but out of reach of children, cats and dogs—using small tin lids or saucers. This bait works best where roaches have little or no water available. The main objection is that the period of fermentation is short and the bait must be renewed every few days to be effective.

The most satisfactory plan of ridding infested premises of roaches is to use sodium fluoride where ever possible. This is a powder which can be purchased at the drug store, but great care must accompany its use as it is very poisonous. Sodium fluoride should be scattered in and about places frequented by roaches, or still better, an insect powder "puffer"—an inexpensive little tin device fitted with a bellows side and a long spout to be held at any general store.

Where the above poison cannot be used with safety on account of children or pets, powdered borax may be substituted. The effectiveness of this is increased by the addition of one-fourth as much of fresh pyrethrum. This mixture, as with the above, exerts its effect upon any and all roaches which run through it; therefore it must be left scattered about for long periods of time to be beneficial. In fact patience and perseverance are necessary if these troublesome pests are to be finally and totally eradicated in the household.

How Cabbage Yellows Spread

Cabbage yellows is a disease that is well and unfavorably known in all regions where cabbage is extensively grown commercially, but until more recently it has caused less damage in the kitchen garden. Now, however, its ravages have reached "the last trench" and every step should be taken to prevent damage from this destructive disease. For a long time cabbage yellows has been known to remain over from year to year in seriously infected soil. Preventive measures consist mainly in adopting the new resistant strains of cabbage that have been developed to combat the disease. But each year new things are learned. For instance, it has now been found that if large quantities of diseased cabbage are fed to hogs, and the refuse and manure from the hog lots later hauled and spread on fields that are to be planted to cabbage, the disease is almost certain to make its appearance there with dire results. Once introduced into the soil the one safe plan of procedure is to set out resistant plants, for the contamination is certain to remain in the soil and attack any non-resistant plants that are planted there.

Therefore the use of refuse and manure from the hog lots should never be spread upon truck land where, either this year or later, cabbage is likely to be planted. For the sake of safety, follow all diseased plants or bury them so deeply that the disease cannot be dug up and spread by the plow. Or, if the damaged heads must be fed to hogs, spread the manure on land that is never used for truck raising.



Apple Trees Need Sunlight

Apple trees need sunlight and lots of it if they are to produce maximum crops of even-sized and well-colored fruit. Experiments conducted in co-operation with commercial orchardists have proved that trees growing in the bright sunlight will produce almost twice as large a crop as those growing in the shade. It has been found also, that the fruit produced on the sunny side of trees is of better quality and color, and considerably larger in quantity, than that grown on the shady side of the same tree.

This information may prove valuable to the farmer who is planning on setting out new orchard trees in the spring, for a few rows of trees set in shady places will cut the returns almost in half throughout the entire bearing life of the orchard. In doing pruning at any time this same point should be kept in mind, and the crowns opened up when possible to admit sunlight. Nor should all the pruning be done on the fruit trees alone. Often we find that a row of large shade trees is located on the east, south or west side of an orchard. These big trees add beauty to the farmstead, we admit, but in addition to robbing the orchard of fertility and moisture, they cast a dense shade far out over the lower orchard trees. This cannot help but have a negative effect on the size and quality of the fruit crop, even though the effects are confined to the fruit trees immediately adjoining. For that reason it is well to cut away some of the large branches on shade trees, and in some cases it is advisable to remove alternate trees and use them for fuel.

Plant Nut Trees

A few nut trees properly located add to the value of the farm even where the land is too high priced to warrant the growing of large woodlots. Along roadsides they are attractive—but the crop may here prove to be a source of annoyance, attracting city motorists who show but little respect for private property, fences, etc. Along lanes, at the edges of pastures, skirting a ravine or stony ledge where crops will not grow, all these are places where nut trees fit in to advantage. We feel certain that somewhere on the farm may be found a little room for walnut, hickory or other trees valuable for their fruit while growing into mature trees valuable for timber.

Nut trees according to Ohio Experiment Station authorities who have done considerable investigation along this line, are best propagated from seed planted where the trees are to grow. Nuts are gathered in the autumn and stored in layers of sand or soil where they may be subjected to winter temperatures without danger of being stolen by squirrels, rats or other predatory animals. In the spring following they should be planted early before sprouts are formed, then kept from being choked out by weed growth for a couple of years. For best results, they should be set 40 to 60 feet apart.

Though grafting or budding is practiced to a considerable extent by experts and trained horticulturists, for farm purposes good results may be obtained if choice seed is selected from the best samples of hickory or black walnut trees in the neighborhood. Butternut also is favored to a lesser extent, and in warmer regions English walnut, pecan and others are available. In this respect locality is the deciding factor. For safety, however, choose trees that are known to thrive well, then plant them where conditions are suitable, giving them the small amount of care and attention necessary while still young.

Questions and Answers

SANDING CRANBERRY BOGS.—Up here in this region, where cranberries grow wild, we are just waking up to the possibilities of sanded bogs as a crop. Have not started to grow them myself, but some of my neighbors are going into them, and I guess I will do the same if I see it pays. Now, what I want to know is this: Does it pay to sand the bog? I have read that it is sometimes done to prevent frost. Does it work?

A. Sanding cranberry bogs is a practice that is now being followed in Maine and other Eastern States, but particularly in northern Wisconsin, where short growing season and the danger from frosts has greatly hampered the industry. Observations conducted by the United States Weather Bureau and by the Department of Agriculture in the latter region show that sanding has greatly reduced the frost damage. According to the reports, there is an average of 58 days between the last spring and the first frost upon bogs that have not been sanded; sanded bogs on the other hand, show 118 days between the last spring and the first fall frost. This represents a gain of some 60 per cent. in length of growing season in favor of the sanded as compared with the unsanded bogs. Furthermore, as the need of summer flooding is eliminated, water supplies are conserved, it not only permits deeper and better drainage, but also against fires in bogs in dry seasons, and permits closer setting of plants, reducing labor and expense of weeding, besides insuring earlier cropping under better conditions on sanded bogs.

FEEDING SWEET POTATOES.—Each year I have a lot of sweet potatoes that I cannot sell. What can be done with them? I have been told that they can be fed to cows with good results. Is this the truth? If so, is it necessary to cut them up? J. W. P., Alabama.

A. We have reports of many Southern sweet potato growers who have fed cut potatoes to dairy cows with good results. Culls, however, must not be confused with badly rotted or moldy potatoes, for to feed these may prove harmful to stock. Small potatoes, or those that for any reason do not meet with market requirements, can be utilized for cow feed on farms where there is no sale with good results. Tests show that sweet potatoes contain about one and one-half times the amount of feed value found in corn stilage, therefore a smaller amount should be fed, sixteen to twenty pounds per cow being sufficient. To prevent choking, cut the potatoes lengthwise. Feed morning and evening in combination with good hay and grain concentrates.

PROPAGATING GRAPES.—I have three old grape vines that have been bearing for years and years, but they seem to be running out, and I do not feel like spending money for other young vines to take their place. Can I grow new vines from seed from the old ones? Will these vines be good? Or can I make cuttings from the vines and plant those? Please tell me what to do.

A. If seed from your old grape vines is planted it will grow, but the chances are that the fruit will be inferior, and will not be like that of the parent vines. Seedlings, whether of grapes, apples or most any other fruit, that matter, will seldom be found worth variety may be grafted by budding. The simplest way to get new vines from old ones is to follow nature's course. This is done by bending down one or two short vine roots will spring from the buried joints. In a new shoots will appear above ground. When these have cutting the buried branch, separating each root by the earth surrounding as little as possible. Set out these new plants where they are to grow, and cut them back from time to time to prevent them from becoming too long and slender. Grape raisers like short, each year, for it is such vines as this that bear a large and profitable crop. For full details on grape culture Lansing, Michigan, for free bulletins on grape raising and management.

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The Huffaker Brooch

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"We—we were to be married," she vouchsafed chokingly, "just as soon as his mother—as there's a change."

"Open the wallet!" commanded Langford, as Huffaker stood looking with hypnotized commiseration from one culprit to the other.

Huffaker obeyed dumbly. Sure enough, there were the bills, intact. And the brooch! Smiling, he held it off from him in the fading daylight, then suddenly drew it into closer scrutiny.

"In a better light now, Langford—" he began apologetically.

"There!" ejaculated Katie. "Nothing is touched. You wouldn't send him to jail now, would you? Think of your own boy. Give him a chance to make good!"

Huffaker's tone was kindly, almost fatherly, as he turned from the pleading girl to the detective.

"Suppose we drop the case here, Langford. They're both penitent. You can see that. And I've got all my possessions back safe." Beamingly, he restored the wallet to an inner pocket. "What do you say, Langford?"

The detective's answer, though meant for Huffaker, was directed toward the still trembling girl.

"It's quite a knockout to my professional pride." He forced a sigh. "However, if you insist—" Hunching his well-set shoulders, and including both offenders in a sweeping glance, he swung jauntily off toward town.

In a moment more Huffaker, having shaken hands warmly with the avowed lovers and wished them happiness, had overtaken the detective.

"Do you know, Langford," he marveled, "they refused to accept a cent!"

The detective gave his companion a sideways look. "You're a good sport, Mr. Huffaker. And it doesn't surprise me that you fell for their sob lines. But you mustn't get sore when I tell you that they've played you for a bonehead."

At this, the erect figure of Huffaker became even more erect. The action, however, escaped Langford.

"I'll prove to you I'm right," he supplemented. Whipping a revolver from his pocket and pointing it skyward, he had pulled the trigger ere the astounded Huffaker could so much as blink an eye.

The loud report which ensued was answered simultaneously by two others, near at hand. Huffaker stood transfixed. "Langford, laughing, seized him by a shoulder, wheeling him about. "Look!" he commanded.

Almost on the exact spot where but a moment ago he had been released, the man who called himself Akers now sought desperately to fight off a pair of determined captors. Close by, with eyes wide stretched and a small fist doubled back against tightly compressed lips, cowered the girl Katie.

"My assistants, Mr. Huffaker," was the detective's succinct explanation. Followed a loud chuckle as the two thus designated succeeded in subduing their prisoner and slipping the handcuffs upon his wrists.

"Pretty husky specimens, my men," commented Langford proudly. "I pick them with care. Well," he concluded with a sigh, "the excitement's over. We may as well move on." He faced once more toward town.

"But the—the diamonds!" stammered Huffaker. "We got them, you know. They're here—safe—every one of them." With fingers that fumbled slightly he touched the pocket by way of confirmation.

"My dear Mr. Huffaker," affirmed the detective, "the fact is, those stones are not your diamonds!"

"Not my—" Incredulity gave way to speechlessness.

Langford bowed his head in verification. "They're merely—substitutes!"

"You mean—"

But the detective cut short the question. "That you've been tricked, Mr. Huffaker. And by one of the slickest crooks on record. 'Substitute King,' we call him. Been hot on his trail for years. Always lands some sort of a girl for catspaw, mind you, only she doesn't get wise to being that till too late. Oh, he's a speedy juggler with his aliases, all right. And when it comes to the getaway, I'll hand it to him, he's an artist. But there! I was about to forget. Just hold on a minute, will you, Mr. Huffaker? Turning, the detective motioned one of his assistants.

The man hurried forward, dropped something into Langford's outstretched hand, then stepped back to his former position.

"Here, sir," said Langford, "are the real stones."

Almost reverently, in the deepening shadows, Huffaker ran his sensitive fingers over the ten perfectly matched diamonds that lay sparkling in the detective's palm, imprisoning in their gleaming facets the last rays of the setting sun. Yet he made no offer to take them.

Into his aggrieved eyes, which now uplifted and met the detective's squarely, conviction gradually crept. But for only answer he spread wide his arms with a gesture of inadequacy, and without further ado fell into step beside Langford. When at length he did speak, it was in a tone of quiet restraint.

"There remains then, I believe, only the little matter of the five hundred reward."

But Langford made no reply. Possibly he did not hear, for already he appeared wrapped in gloomy reflection. Only once more during the return trip did he break his silence. Then, "I wonder—" he muttered, as though thinking aloud, "if we couldn't fix things—some how—for Katie!"

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lost confidence cannot be regained! Parents who set their little one up before social company and have the innocent consciousness pricked and stung about their personal appearance and behavior—well, may they be forgiven, they know not what they do! Before I was six years old, I had lost confidence in my mother which meant so much to me. My mother would tell everyone that I was an incorrigible child, and I felt the humiliation and disgrace keenly. Without her fidelity and protection I was defenseless. When I went to school, the children shunned me—I had no chummy playmates, no friends. My mother had put a bluish on my reputation that was hard to erase, and realizing this as I grew older, I went away from home to work, made new acquaintances, and won for myself respect and friendship, but not mother's love. There is nothing much sadder than having to fight a battle alone. Make a confidant of your child. Encourage your son and daughter to tell you of their daily life. When they are in trouble, there should not be anyone else to whom they would sooner go. If you would be their best friend, in their work and play, take time to share that will give pleasure to both of you will be formed, and all through life you will be their trusted adviser.

I am an orphan and have no sisters nor brothers. I was born and raised on a farm near Edgewood, Maryland. I have lived in cities since my marriage, but in spirit years for the solitude and peace of woods and fields. Last summer I had the pleasure of a trip to the beautiful mountain scenery of Central Colorado via Denver and Colorado Springs, and perhaps I will tell you about it later.

I am sending you a snapshot of myself, Mrs. Wilkinson, and I'll let you guess my age!

I want to tell you how one old man earns money. He stands outside of one of the big stores on North Avenue and another checks their babies with him while they do their shopping. He fastens a numbered tag to each carriage, and gives a duplicate tag to the mother. Any one can do the same in a crowded shopping district, and the mother is glad to pay a small fee to have someone watch her baby while she makes her purchases. With heartfelt wishes for continued success and prosperity for Comfort's personnel.

Lovingly yours,
Mrs. R. E. ROCKSTON (nee JOOST).

It isn't a bit fair, Renice (that's the name on the picture), to send me a snapshot of yourself and expect me to tell the sisters how old you are. You look about nineteen but as surely as I say that some mathematical sister will pipe up and say, "That can't be, she's been married seven years," and then I'd have to do a lot of explaining and explanations are tiresome. Snapshots can't be reproduced well, else they could decide for themselves.—Ed.

CHITAK, R. R. 4, Wis.
Dear Mrs. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:
As Mrs. R. V. Long has asked a question on a matter that I am much interested in, I will try to tell her something of the experience of twenty club members in our locality.

Two years ago, a young married woman, without children, organized a club here. We started out with twenty members and called it the Birthday Club and met at the different homes as nearly as possible on the birthday.

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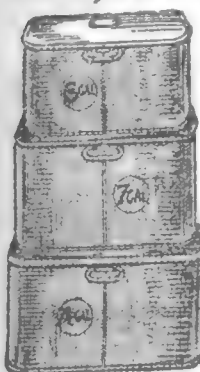
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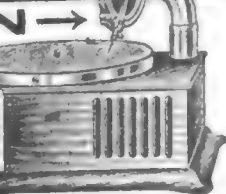
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day of the one that was entertaining. We each took twenty-five cents and that was given to the one who had the club to buy herself a birthday present. In doing this no one was really out anything as each had her money back. For entertainment, though we had a few good musicians, only one would ever respond, so we brought fancy work and talked and visited. Sometimes we sang. At some of the places we would have a candy pull or at others we would play cards, carom or flinch. We settled the lunch question by having six of the twenty members each bring a certain kind of food. For instance, we have sandwiches, two kinds of salad, jello, cakes, pickles, cream and coffee.

A year ago December our Birthday Club came to an end so we organized a Community Club with an increase of eight members. Now we have eight serve lunch. We are taking a time each time as a reserve fund for someone needs and ice cream, on the river or at ball games, just to have a good time.

We all think the club has done a wonderful lot of good, as it has brought the neighbors close together and makes a better feeling toward everyone. Before we had this club I felt that I didn't know my nearest neighbors, but now I feel that I have sisters for miles around.

At first when the men brought their wives they would leave them and come after them when it was time to go home, but now we have several men folks who say they want to join.

May I come again? Mrs. BEN E. WILLIAMS.

LORAIN, 1307 EIGHTH ST., OHIO.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS: I have received so many letters in reply to mine, published in COMFORT, that I am answering some of them in this way. I wish to thank each and every one of you for your kindly letters, and in return I'll tell you some of the stunts I have seen tried at parties.

Put as many bottles, small necked, as members, into a tub. Give each person a glass and tell them to fill the bottles with water. The one filling his bottle first wins. Of course a tub filled with bottles must be across the room from place where water is obtained. Prizes awarded could be bottle of perfume for first prize and bottle of ketchup for second prize.

Fill small bottles with any liquids one happens to have handy. Here are a few we used, vanilla, peppermint, almond, liniments, camphor, perfumes, witch-hazel, etc. Hostess will have to number each bottle and keep track of what is in each one. Give members pencil and paper and let them smell of the bottles and write the name of what it contains. The one guessing the most correctly wins. This may sound easy but after smelling two or three bottles one seems to lose their sense of smell.

Place bowl of peanuts on table, give each person a teaspoon and an empty coffee can. They are to place tin on top of head, not touching it after placing it on head, and take a teaspoonful of peanuts out of bowl, putting them into tin within a certain time to win. Put a base at one end of room, if large enough, and at other end of room line up the players, giving each one a fan (I used pieces of cardboard) and a piece of tissue paper with owner's name written on it. They are to lay the pieces of paper on floor in front of them and at a given signal start to fan paper toward base. On no account must paper be touched with hands. The one reaching the base first wins the race. This is great fun. We laughed so much and bumped heads in our hurry to reach the base first. One lady lost her paper under the dining room table and she had a hard time getting it out by just digging.

My drawing pigs with eyes unfolded. The results were as follows:

A COMFORT SISTER, MRS. P. A. LIND.

ELAM R. R. A. TEXAS.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS: Is there room for another in your corner, from way down in Texas? I enjoy reading the letters the sisters write and have been a silent reader for ten years.

The following is a game I used to enjoy very much. It is a guessing game and the one leading must be informed to carry it out successfully and make more fun too. Stand someone up and pin a slip of paper on his or her back that can be read easily by the others. On this piece of paper write the name of some statesman, president, or any noted character. The leader asks questions of Yes or No and the one standing finds out who

he is by asking questions, as "Am I a poet?" "Am I a President?" and so on until he can call the name. Then another takes a handkerchief and all stand, one starts and calls out a letter of the alphabet, throwing the handkerchief to one of the players and the player calls out a proper name beginning with that letter. He is supposed to say this name before the one who threw the handkerchief counts three. You can use proper names of any kind. This is instructive as well as a lot of fun.

If any of my old schoolmates remember me as Leona Young I'd be very glad to hear from them.

I am five feet, six inches tall and tip the scales at 120 pounds. Am thirty-one years old and have brown hair and blue eyes and would have a fair complexion if I wore my bonnet. I always like to know how anyone looks.

Best wishes to Mrs. W. and the many COMFORT sisters.

Mrs. LEONA CHANDLER.

BUSSETT, IOWA.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS: May I sit in the COMFORT Corner with you? I've enjoyed your letters for so long a time that I feel like paying back.

I wish you could see my roses. I sent in two subscriptions to COMFORT last spring and got a collection of ten tiny rose bushes, two are ramblers, Lady Gay by name, and as I can't remember the name of the one I like best I call it my COMFORT rose and it is a comfort to me. I put it out in April and the last of June it started to bloom and has bloomed every month since and this is November. It has scarlet blossoms and they are fragrant.

It seems to be the custom so I'll tell something about myself and family. I am forty-two years old, have brown hair and eyes and weigh 136 pounds. I have three girls and four boys. The oldest girl, Garnet, 21, was a teacher; she is married. Daisy, 19, is teaching. The Verne, 18, and Archie, 16, help their father on the farm. Then there are James, 14, Curtis, 11, and our baby girl, Flossie Fay, three years old and the pet of the family.

I plan various ways to economize. I make the shirts for my husband and boys and can make two for the price of one ready-made. I rip up a good fitting shirt when it is worn so it is no longer fit for wear and get a pattern that way. I make it a bit larger to allow for shrinkage.

Sometimes I make a little extra money by selling home-made candy.

Mrs. JULIA MUSGROVE.

Mrs. Musgrove.—We are glad that you are so pleased with your COMFORT roses. I like mine quite as well.—Ed.

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Poultry Farming for Women

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mixed commercial chick feeds. For the part, these are of excellent uniform quality, may be depended on to give satisfactory results. Unless they are unobtainable or excessively priced, the beginner can do no better than use these exclusively, at least during the brooding period.

Exercise is of vital importance in brooder fed chicks. If the weather is pleasant, they should have access to a small outside yard by the end of the first week. Keep the ground covered with a very liberal quantity of clean, dry straw. The scratch feed buried in the straw will keep chicks busy and happy most of the day.

When the chicks get dumpy and stand round in a sure sign that they are being overfed or not getting enough exercise. This is a danger that cannot be overlooked. To remedy, cut down the feed and increase the depth of litter so that they will have to work harder the small particles of grain.

The Real Cure for Gapes

apes are brought on by the presence of gape, in the windpipe of the chick. These parasites, which are small and reddish in color, attach themselves to the wall of the windpipe, thus interfering with normal respiration and causing chick to open its mouth and gasp for breath. They may be removed by snaring with a loop of hair or fine stiff wire, but if there are many the job is almost hopeless.

The real cure lies in ridding the premises of the infection. Where the trouble is widespread, the birds should be removed to fresh, clean ground. Old yards should be heavily limed, plowed and treated, then not used again for at least two years.

Chicks are to be marketed or branded, this should be done shortly before they are put in the brooder.

A short spell of warm weather during the early part of the brooding period may cause the chicks to leave the brooder and sleep in the corners of the brooder or in groups about the floor. No harm result from this unless the temperature takes sudden drop. In this event, the caretaker must be sure that the youngsters are quickly broken to the habit, or they will pile up in an effort to get warm and a number will be suffocated.

Such favorite pastimes as picking the toe of a weak chick until it bleeds is a common occurrence during the first few weeks. This habit generally is stopped by hanging up a piece of tough, lean meat for them to work on. Learning and eating the felt of the portable cage is another habit frequently manifested at this age. To overcome it nail a strip of tough cloth round the outside of the felt.

A First-Rate Tonic

One of the best things in the way of a tonic, for the youngsters get off their feed for some

cause or another, is a daily feed of sliced onion. Cut the onion in half, and then slice it so that it falls in long, thin strips.

It should be distinctly understood that the onion should be fed as a tonic and not for succulence. Some form of green food should be given daily as a supplement to the grain rations. For this purpose sprouted oats, lettuce leaves, green grass clippings, or shredded vegetables such as cabbage, mangel or beets, is excellent.

Wet sloppy feeds should be avoided. They are in no way suited to the chick's digestive system, and almost always cause trouble when fed freely. In the hands of the expert feeder, moist, crumbly mash can be used to very good effect in promoting rapid growth. But until one has had considerable experience, the safe plan is to feed by the dry method exclusively.

Such ration accessories as pulverized charcoal, small chick grit and finely ground bone, should be kept in small hoppers where the chicks can help themselves at any time. These materials are cheap, and a small quantity will last a long time. A cigar box divided with two partitions will answer nicely as a hopper while the chicks are small.

The liberal use of milk in some form from the very start is one of the best preventives of bowel trouble and digestive disorders that has ever been discovered. Whether it should be fed sweet or sour is still a matter of dispute among certain authorities.

In practice, unless changed frequently, the milk will be sour most of the time, so the sensible thing is to start with sour skim-milk or buttermilk. It should be supplied in regular stone or galvanized iron drinking fountains that can easily be kept sweet and clean by scalding once a day. When the chicks have had all the milk they want to drink, little or no beef scrap is needed in the ration. After the first week, plenty of fresh water should be provided in addition to the milk.

Correspondence

Subscribers are entitled to advice of our Poultry Editor free, through the columns of this department. Address Poultry Editor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. BE SURE to give your full name and address, otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

A. M. J.—Bathe the eyes with a boric acid solution, made by diluting one teaspoonful in half a tumbler of water. Feed plenty of sour milk and green vegetables.

L. L. B.—Such a condition as you describe usually comes from an ovarian condition of the bird. You know that when you kill a laying hen you always find a cluster of eggs in formation, much like a bunch of grapes, and called the ovary. These, however, are but rudimentary eggs, and are in size from a pin's head to the full size yolk of an egg. Each of these eggs is contained within a thin transparent sac and attached by a narrow pipe or stem to the ovary, and during the laying period of the hen these eggs are matured and are kept up the supply of eggs which she lays. The rudimentary eggs have neither shell nor white, consisting wholly of yolk, on which floats the germ of the future chicken, and as they become larger they arrive at a certain stage where, by their own volition, weight or other cause, they become detached from the bunch and fall into a sort of funnel leading into a sort of passage called the oviduct—this organ in a hen being from 22 to 26 inches long. During the passage of this egg or ovum to the outer world, it becomes coated with successive layers of albumen—the white—which is secreted from the blood vessels of the oviduct in the form of a thick glairy fluid, and is prevented from mixing with the yolk by the membrane or sac which surrounded it before it became detached from the cluster. It is also strengthened by a second and sounder membrane, formed around the first immediately after falling into the funnel, and having what is like two twisted cords of a more dense albuminous character, called by anatomists chazones, which pass quite near the white at the ends, and being, as it were, embedded therein, thus preventing the yolk and germ from rolling about when the egg is moved, and serving to keep the germ so that it may best receive the heat imparted during incubation. It is during the passage of the egg through the lower part of the oviduct that it gets covered with the two skins which are found inside the shell. These, although laying close around the egg, at the thick end, become separate, and form what is called the air bubble or chamber. Eggs are produced from the ovary, and the white is that over and above what is required for the sustenance of the hen, and if such is too stimulating, or given in excessive quantities, the result is that in the former case the ova are produced so rapidly that sometimes two of them drop into the oviduct together, which results in the eccentricities which frequently puzzle the poultry keeper. These ova travel along together through the passage and receive the white separately, but become enveloped in one shell, and when laid are commonly known as double yolked eggs, but more properly it is a double egg, the white being duplicated as well as the yolk. Should these yolks be fertilized and the egg hatched, we get the occasional four-legged and other chicken monstrosities. A further result of over stimulating food is varied from the above when the ova mature in excess and one day, in place of falling into the passage in pairs, as above, the two drop separately, but on the same day. This results in soft eggs, not from the want of shell forming material, but rather because the shells cannot be formed as fast as the mature egg is ready for such covering. To over feeding is also attributable the further irregularity of one perfect egg being found within another, and in some cases the oviduct, which is contracting in front of the perfectly formed egg, instead of behind it, forces it back until it meets another yolk, when the two join and again become coated with the white and the shell, thus producing another wonder. To the internal fatness of the hen are due other eccentricities than those mentioned, including the apparently paradoxical feat of laying rotten new laid eggs, this being not infrequently the case. The egg, being unable to force its way through the fatty oviduct, is retained two days near the mouth of this organ, and if a fertilized one, the heat of the hen's body tends to putrefy it, and when ultimately laid it is in an added condition. To other causes, but principally diseased organs, is due a departure from normal in the way of color. A hen which lays white or brown eggs, on rare occasions produces one almost black, and in some instances the shells are rough, warty, corrugated, or otherwise irregular. Then there are instances of foreign matter being found in eggs, clots of blood being nothing unusual. This is the result of the breaking of a blood vessel internally, and again, possibly the effect of overfeeding. Fowls from whatever cause producing any of the above mishaps or otherwise faulty eggs should at once be killed, for although in some cases the reduced diet may bring them back to the normal production, still the slightest cause will frequently prompt the organs to their previous irregularities.

F. K.—Most decidedly it would be safer to thoroughly clean and disinfect the house before putting your own birds into it. Thoroughly brush walls and ceiling, turn out nests and perches, scrape the floor and burn up any old rubbish that may be lying around. If there is a yard attached, scatter fresh lime around all over it, and after twenty-four hours, plow in. Make a dress of linseed, and to every part add two ounces of crude carbolic acid, and the same quantity of powdered crude mixed with boiling water and skim milk, and apply to the walls of the house while still hot.

F. P. D.—Anoint the heads with carbolic vasoline. If confined, give plenty of green vegetable food, and sour milk to drink.

A. A. K.—Write Mr. Gust Toupin, Agricultural Institute, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

I. G.—I fear you have to fight an epidemic of malignant roup, which is a most contagious disease, but as many forms of cold resemble roup so closely as to make it almost impossible to be sure without personal examination, I may be wrong. The one unmistakable symptom of the true malignant roup is the stale, offensive odor which is always present. Open the bird's beak, and if there is no odor on the breath you may be pretty sure it is only a roup cold they have, which will be comparatively easy to cure if taken in time, but if neglected, the cold is always liable to develop into roup, so it is advisable to treat the birds for that disease without waiting to be sure of the extent of the trouble. Remove the birds that show signs of illness, and confine them in coops in some sheltered out-house, far removed from the chicken house. Disinfect house, nests, feed and water dishes, as a protection for the rest of the flock. The sick birds should be fed very lightly on nutritious food, and treated as follows: Dissolve half a teaspoonful of permanganate of potassium in a quart of water. For use, dilute one tablespoonful of the mixture with four of water, and spray the bird's throat, mouth, nostrils and eyes twice or three times a day for a week or ten days. If the bird is not considerably better at the end of that time, it would be advisable to kill it and burn the carcass. Do not use any of the birds which have been attacked in your breeding pens, no matter how well they may seem to be by spring, for if you do, the chicks are almost sure to be weak, and slow to develop, and in many cases show unmistakable signs of rhenumatism and kindred ailments.

G. H.—The birds have tuberculosis, which is a chronic and contagious disease characterized by the develop-

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Talks with Girls

Conducted by Cousin Marion

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WOULD you like to spend a day with me, girls? A make-believe day, I mean. We'll pass over an agonizing hour and a half in the dentist's chair and the washing of the dinner dishes, on to the time when I got comfortably settled in my rocking chair, one foot tucked under me and my writing pad on my knee. Somehow or other my typewriter doesn't seem sociable and friendly enough for our talks together, though I considerably copy my remarks before handing them to the powers that be. But it was an off day; ideas wouldn't come and, really, giving advice is a serious thing. I expect I'm blamed for a lot but I do the best I can, so be merciful. After nibbling my pencil and deciding it didn't taste any better than the rubber dam the dentist used (horrid things!), I said, "I guess I'll go to the movies," which I did, paying thirty-five cents of my own money for a balcony seat. If someone had taken me I'd have sat in the orchestra. But it was worth it. I learned lots of interesting things, such as the psychology of monkeys, how a certain tribe in East Africa lives (I always wondered about them), saw a funny picture about policemen, and Laurette Taylor in "Peg O' My Heart." I don't suppose the winsome Laurette ever reads COMFORT but if she does this will tell her how much I enjoyed her picture. Better see it. There, you know me better, don't you, and like me better, too. I hope, now that you know I'm a regular person and shed tears over the sad or beautifully happy parts and laugh over the funny things in real life as well as in reel life. Almost made a joke then, didn't I? But whether you like me better or not you've got to have your little pills of advice. Get ready for the bitter medicine often does the most good. Open your little bits of mouths!

BILL AND JACK, Wyoming.—I specialize in affairs of the heart, and head, but don't know a thing about astrology, only that the moon makes people do crazy things. Sorry I can't tell you your lucky days, etc. (2) You can send cards after leaving your home town but don't correspond with boys unless you can make yourselves write sensible letters. (Bill and Jack are girls.) Can you do that?

LAWRENCE, North Carolina.—When I read your letter the first time I said, "What's the matter with him anyhow?" and the second time I read it I said, "The boy's got brains, after all." I gather from your letter that while you love this girl of sixteen (or think you do) you feel that it would be better to "quit" her for a while. Good reasoning for a boy of seventeen; most of them want to get married right away and go home to father to live. Of course you don't want to hurt her feelings but I'd advise having a good talk with her and explaining that you are both too young to be engaged, even a teeny bit engaged, but that you want to be good friends until you are older and in a position to care for her. Either or both of you are likely to change your minds and it would simplify matters if there were no engagement.

LOVELORN, West Virginia.—Isn't "thank you" enough for gifts of candy, books and flowers? Do you expect her to let you "cuddle" her in return for the money you've spent on her? Generous, aren't you? I'm glad they give a girl a box of candy they own her. Get that idea out of your head, Lawrence. If there is any bargaining done nowadays the girls set their own valuation and no cheap skate with a box of forty-nine cent chocolates is going to have the right to cuddle them whenever he wants to. A diamond engagement ring is usually the price, or else a wedding ring. Wise girls give a man anything he asks for too easily. A man doesn't appreciate anything he gets too easily. You aren't a man yet, but you are exhibiting the characteristics of the animal, and you might as well get the idea into your head right now that gifts don't make the man.

HILLY BLUE EYES, W. Va.—Do as your parents say, of course. Don't think of marrying a boy of eighteen. He's a mere child yet. You'd probably have to tell him to wash the back of his neck and behind his ears. Do you want a husband like that? Hee-hee! Phony Siggie.

PAULINE, Missouri.—There is hope for you if you know you are inclined to be headstrong and have a fiery temper. That's a bad combination unless handled right. Learn to control your temper and when tempted to do some headstrong thing say to yourself, "Pauline, be careful, don't bite off more than you can chew." That isn't an elegant expression by any means but it is forceful, and don't let your willfulness run away with your better judgment—or the better judgment of your parents. Go back to school, but first have your eyes fitted to glasses. We'll talk about running away from home and getting married after you graduate from high school. That will be only three or four years but I'm thinking you'll have better sense then.

HUTTENBERG, Kentucky.—You have tried to make up with him with no results. Forget him and you'll be much happier.

Z. S., West Virginia.—When I see how some of the young girls dress I could wish there were more fathers like yours, though he does go to extremes in his modesty. I'll bet father was a wild 'un when he was young. I don't go in for long trains or woolen stockings myself, but the styles today make me shiver. Knees, no matter how dimpled, should be covered in cold weather, anyway. Don't think to escape supervision of your clothes by getting married. Husbands are sometimes worse in that respect than fathers. I know a man who selects his wife's dresses and hats, choosing just the opposite of what he admires on other women. If you have the opportunity to finish school and fit yourself for teaching, it is worth more to you than being free to choose a while longer. You have all your life before you in which to dress becomingly, and you may not always have an opportunity for an education.

LONESOME, Oxford, Iowa.—If your brother won't take you to socials and movies with him, let his worst enemy take you, the boy he dislikes the most, provided he isn't a cheap, disreputable sort. When brother objects tell him you'll trade this fellow's company for his.

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25 Marbles Free!

The Marble season will soon be here. How would you like to have a sack of 25 Flint Agates, all different colors? Imagine yourself kneeling down to a game of "Boston" with a hand full of Marbles that would attract the eye of every boy. They will all be wanting the chance to win some of your Marbles, and the minute the game starts they will be anxious to get a shot at your Marbles first. There is not a pottery in the bunch. Each Marble has a variation of several different colors. Just the right size for accurate shooting.

SEND NO MONEY

I want every boy reader of this paper to have a sack of Marbles. Just send your name and address on a post card, and I will tell you how to get a sack of Marbles without a cent of cost. A few minutes on our liberal offer will bring you a sack of 25 Flint Agates.

M. Berry, Marble Dept. 67, Topeka, Kan.



Not a Pottery in the Bunch

Best Ways of Doing Things Around the Home

When traveling in a sleeper, a clothes hanger can be made by tightly rolling a newspaper, and tying string in the center, leaving a loop by which to hang it. Pin this to the curtain and you have a very good hanger. With a supply of safety-pins, the curtain can be brought into good service and made to hold most of your clothes.—GRACE WEATHERFORD, Viola, Ark.

Use odd pieces of wall paper for ceiling by turning them upside out. Most wall papers are cream color on the back and several different patterns could be used in this way.

Glit frames can be restored by rubbing them with a sponge moistened in turpentine.

To CLEAN A CORSET.—Make ready a hot solution containing a tablespoonful each of ammonia, borax and washing soda, to two gallons of water. Soap a small, stiff brush well and dip in coarse oatmeal. Scrub the corset thoroughly until all the stains are removed, rinse well in hot and then cold water and hang in sun to dry.—MORIEL GARRISON, Wayne City, Ill.

When putting summer clothes away for the winter wash and blue them thoroughly, especially the white goods, and they will not be yellow in the spring. Use no starch as that rots the goods.

When putting vegetables such as carrots and beets

4 ELEGANT Lace Curtains

GIVEN TO LADIES

Send name and address. Merely Give Away 12 Beautiful Art Pictures with 12 boxes of our Famous White CLOVERLINE Salve at 25c each, returning us \$3 and 35c extra for postage and packing. Write today for pictures and salve. Millions are converting to clover, extra, burns, etc. Orders filled immediately as received. Our plan excellent and squares. Our 25th year.

WILSON CHEMICAL COMPANY
Dept. 7, 1, Tyrone, Pa.

RAINCOAT \$2.95

Brand-new Army Officer's Raincoat. Rubber lined. Absolutely waterproof. Goodbye made. Stylish and durable. Fit and quality guaranteed. Order your coat now. Send No Money \$2.95 (plus postage) on delivery. State size, 32 to 36. Money back if not satisfied. Catalog sent FREE.

W. H. Army and Navy Stores, Dept. 541, White Plains, Pa.

GIVEN WATCH CHAIN

Real American Watch. 5 year guarantee, fine case, looks and wears like gold. Just sell 12 boxes Menlo-Nova (Wonder Month). Return the \$3.00 and receive watch or choice of 147 premiums free. Address: U. S. Supply Company, Dept. N73, Greenville, Pa.

BOTH GIVEN

Stylish ladies' gowns size thin model Watch, guaranteed 3 years, given for selling only 20 beautifully colored Art & Religious Pictures at 10c each. Order today. Costly free brilliant Gem 5-1 Ring given as extra present for promptness. **RAY ART CO., Dept. 21, Chicago.**

LUCKY DIAMOND Either Sex—Money back if not satisfied

Lucky ring. Sterling Platinum (dial). Mystic symbol of good luck, love, business. Believed to ward off evil spirits, sickness, misfortune, thousands and \$3.00 sent. Shipment success cannot fail from genuine diamond. Cash with order \$1.00. C. O. D. \$1.00. Send size. Oriental Jewel Co., 408 S. Dearborn St., Dept. 8, Chicago.

Cameo Ring FREE!

Ring has a gold filled Shank with rolled gold plate setting. Set with pink Cameo. To make a beautiful gift. Send \$1.00. Make a Ring Bargain and send 10c for a 9-months' subscription and this Ring, your size, will be sent FREE, postpaid. M. Murphy, Secy. 615 W. 43d Street, Dept. 6-B, New York.

LADIES EARN

\$6-\$15 doz. painting pillow tops at home; experience unnecessary; pay 10c. for stamp. **TAPESTRY PAINT CO., 8104, LAGRANGE, IND.**

Plays

Dialogs, Monologs, Vaudeville Acts, How to Stage a Play and Reviews, Minstrel Opening Chorus, Dinky Plays, Catalog FREE. **T. S. DENISON & CO., 632 So. Wabash, Dept. 8, CHICAGO**

A REAL 22 RIFLE

This Fine 22-Cal. Rifle Shoots Short and Long Cartridges sure and true. Given FREE, POSTPAID, for selling only 10c. Send \$1.00. Order. Set, We Trust You. You Can't Fail. Everybody Buys. **CHICAGO SACKET WKS., 1920 Sunnyside, Dept. 101, Chicago**

away for winter use, pack in sand and they will keep better.—MAMIE LILLIE, Brownsville, Minn.

An easy and effective way of removing the letter from four sacks is to wet the sack and soap the letters thoroughly, then sprinkle with baking soda and roll tightly and let remain for two or three hours. The letters will then wash out easily. This must be done before the sacks have ever been washed.—MRS. J. D. LAGB, Barry, Wash.

If your wire milk strainer gets clogged rub it briskly, when dry, with dry salt and it will be as good as new.

Take a large baking powder can, punch holes in cover with nail. Fill can with flour, salt and pepper, in desired proportions, and you will have a flour dredge always ready at hand.

Scratches on fumed oak furniture can be hidden by an application of iodine.

To make sterilized home-made bandages, tear a clean old sheet into strips one inch wide, or as wide as desired, roll these strips and put them into a fruit jar and screw the lid on, suspend the jar in water and allow to boil one hour. This way you have sterilized bandages just as good as any you could buy at much less cost. Always remove bandages with sterilized forceps or tweezers, never with your fingers unless they are surgically clean.—LAURA CARTER, Dayton, Wash.

To clean a clock, take a piece of cotton the size of a hen's egg and soak in kerosene, then place on bottom of clock. After three or four days look inside and you will find the cotton black with dust. The fumes of the oil will loosen the particles of dust and thus clean the clock.

To remove oil paint or varnish, apply a mixture of about five parts of water-glass, one part of soda lye and one part ammonia. When dry the paint or varnish may be rubbed off.

To clean furs, warm a quantity of new bran in a pan.

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54 Inch Rope Of Pearls

Reward No. 9882

Full Opera Length

THE dream of every woman and girl is to possess her own necklace of gleaming, iridescent pearls. There's a wonderful fascination about them—a beauty that appeals to every feminine heart. Now your dream can come true—for we are giving away this handsome, full opera length rope of Parisian pearls. It is 54 inches long, all the pearls are of uniform size— $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter—of perfect finish and luster, far handsomer than the ordinary imitation pearl necklace sold at a high price. It can easily be wound twice around the neck, making the double rope as shown in our illustration.

By rare good luck we secured first choice of these necklaces from a large importer and at a price that enables us to give them for an unusually small club. Please read the following offer and learn how you can get a beautiful, 54-inch rope of pearls free of all cost.

Given To You! For only two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each, we will send you this handsome, opera length Pearl Necklace free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 9882.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

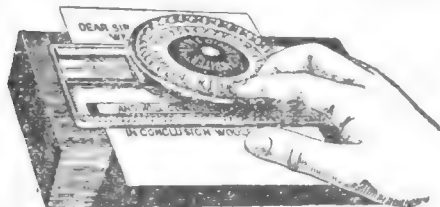


Shaggy Teddy Bear

EVERY little boy and girl wants a Teddy Bear and here is an opportunity for every father or mother who reads COMFORT to get one without expense. "Teddy" is a plump, shaggy fellow, 10 inches tall, made of brown plush, carefully stitched and finished, and his head and legs are jointed in such a manner that you can place him in almost any position. He will stand up, sit down, stand on his head, walk on all fours. In fact he gets himself into all kinds of positions, so comical and lifelike that it makes the children scream with delight just to look at him. Teddy is so well made that he cannot easily become broken, and with ordinary care should last for years. We will send you Teddy free if you will accept the following special offer.

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each we will send you this Teddy Bear free and prepaid. Reward No. 9992.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Little Giant Typewriter

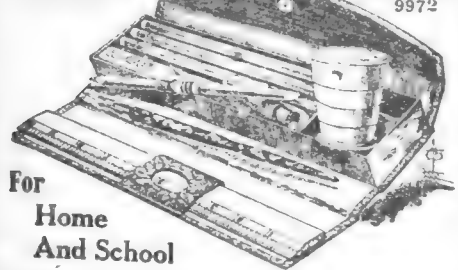
A REAL machine that writes very distinctly. Has every letter in the alphabet, all the numerals from 1 to 10 and punctuation marks. Uses any size letter paper up to 5 inches wide. For correspondence, making out invoices, statements, addressing envelopes, etc., this machine will do the work well. It is very easy to operate, in fact, a child can write on it after a little practice.

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each we will send you this Typewriter free and prepaid. Reward No. 1202.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Writing And Drawing Outfit

Reward No. 9972



For Home And School

HERE is something that is needed in every home and by every schoolboy and schoolgirl—a big value-assortment of almost everything needed for writing and drawing. Our illustration is, of course, greatly reduced in size. The Case, which is made of fine leatherette, is 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. It is of the folding style, with a snap fastener, so that it can conveniently be carried in the pocket or in the children's lunch basket. Inside the Case there are three, high-grade pencils with erasers, one good quality penholder with pen, one twin pencil (in reality two pencils in a combination holder), one 10-inch ruler and an aluminum collapsible drinking cup with cover.

This Outfit is manufactured by the American Lead Pencil Company, which is sufficient guarantee of its fine quality, and we know that it will please our readers, especially those who have children going to school, and of course it is just as handy in the home, because all the pencils, penholder, etc., are high grade and just what following special offer we will send you one of these fine Outfits free.

Given To You! For only two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each, we will send you this complete Writing and Drawing Outfit, exactly as above described, free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 9972.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Beauty Your Home With These Magnificent Ever-Blooming Roses!

THERE'S no place like home—and no home as beautiful in summer as when surrounded with fragrant, luxuriously blooming roses. Why not plant some around your home this spring? Even if you now have a garden, you can find room for the five splendid bushes offered here—and they will cost you nothing. We buy these roses from the largest rose growers in the world. They are the finest that can be obtained. There are five different varieties in the assortment and each is absolutely the prize of its class, producing every month in the season an amazing profusion of large, magnificent blossoms, delightful in fragrance and of the most radiant colors. The bushes are one year old, strong, healthy, and with well-formed roots. No matter where you live you will receive them at the proper time to plant in your locality. We guarantee that they will reach you in perfect condition. If they do not, or if any of the bushes fail to grow, we will replace them free of all cost. Following is a brief description of each of the five varieties given you on this offer. And please remember that with the bushes we are also going to send you complete directions for their planting and culture.

You Get One Each Of These Five Prize Beauties!

Mrs. Charles Bell One of the most beautiful and fragrant shell-pink roses ever introduced. It is a strong, vigorous grower and one of the hardest of all bloomers. The flowers are faultlessly formed, extra large and double, and the abundance of bloom produced in one season is simply astounding.

Etoile De Lyon This magnificent bright sulphur-yellow rose is a fine forer and an ideal variety both for cutting and garden purposes, being an exceptionally vigorous grower and prolific bloomer, bearing its flowers on strong, erect stems well covered with dark, glossy foliage.

W. C. Gaunt A rose of unusual individuality. Its color is a brilliant, velvety vermilion tipped with scarlet. The buds are medium long and pointed, the stems rigid, habit branching, with large, oval, bluish-green foliage. The fragrance of this rose is like tea and it is a rapid vigorous grower.

Climbing Helen Gould There is probably no red rose so popular as the beautiful Helen Gould. It is now introduced for the first time in climbing form. Everybody is familiar with the warm watermelon-red color of its charming flowers. This is a grand climber, having none of the defects of the older varieties.

Snowflake A crowning masterpiece, with hardy, vigorous constitution, growing to perfection in almost any soil or situation. It has the most magnificent foliage and is a continuous bloomer of medium-size flowers, the beauty of which is nothing short of superb. Its color is pure white.

Our Free Offer For one (not your own) to COMFORT at 50c each we will send you the above described five rose bushes (one each of the five varieties) free by parcel post, prepaid. Reward No. 8661. They will be mailed to you at the proper time for planting in your locality.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine



Sugar, Creamer And Tray



MADE of "brushed" silver—the very latest idea. The Sugar, Creamer and Tray are full standard size. The Tray is quadruple silver plated and both Sugar and Creamer are quadruple silver plated outside and gold lined inside. A very useful set and a beautiful ornament for the dining table or sideboard.

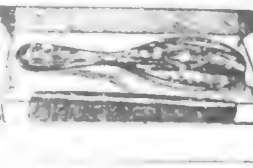
CLUB OFFER. We will send you this Brushed Silver Set free and prepaid for four one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each. Reward No. 7904.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

2-Piece Toilet Set

THIS is a good grade Toilet Set, consisting of a toothbrush and a safety razor.

COMB AND BRUSH SET

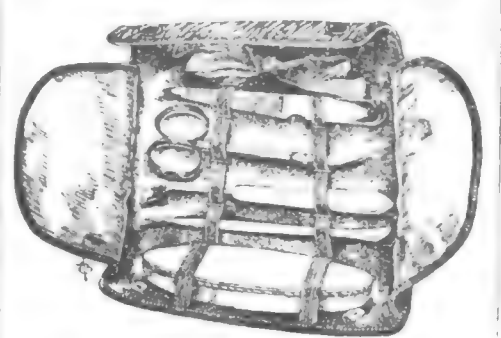


MADE of the new popular "Mala-Combs" green comb. The brush is nine inches long and has a wide white bristle head. The comb is made of the same beautiful material and has a beautiful shield on the back. It is a very useful set and a beautiful ornament for the dressing table.

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each we will send you this Comb and Brush Set free and prepaid. Reward No. 9982.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

French Ivory Manicure Set In A Roll-Up Leather Case



Given For A Club Of Four!

A PRACTICAL and beautiful Set, containing everything necessary for the proper care of the nails. It consists of a 5-inch flexible polished steel nail file, a pair of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch polished steel curved nail scissors, a 4-inch cuticle knife with French Ivory handle, and a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch nail polisher or buffer with French Ivory Top. All these articles are neatly contained in a moire-lined, genuine leather case, measuring 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide and 6 inches from end to end when opened. The case rolls up with two snap clasps. In this form it resembles a miniature pocketbook, and is just as convenient to carry, as it measures only 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches and only 1 inch in thickness.

Although we offer this Manicure Set for an unusually small club, please understand that each and every piece is strictly every woman and girl who accepts this offer and is just as delighted with it. It is free on the terms of the following offer.

Given To You! For four one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each, we will send you this splendid French Ivory Manicure Set in a roll-up leather case free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 8124.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

26-Piece Table Set



Given For A Club Of Only Five

WE have made many offers of tableware and this is the first time we have offered a complete set of 26 Pieces. It is a small club. And please don't think that we are giving this set on such liberal terms. It is plated on a brass base and consequently change color and have that "brassy" look soon as the plating wears off. On the other hand, it has a white metal base, therefore every piece is the same color all the way to the handle and will not show signs of wear, even after years of constant use. As shown in the above illustration, there are 26 pieces in this set—6 Forks, 6 Teaspoons, 6 Tablespoons, 6 Butter Knives, 6 Dessert Knives, 6 Coffee Spoons, 6 Sugar Spoons, 6 Salad Forks, 6 Salad Spoons, 6 Butter Knives, 6 Dessert Knives, 6 Coffee Spoons, 6 Sugar Spoons, 6 Salad Forks, 6 Salad Spoons. Each piece is full round, embossed and the blades of the knives are perfectly plain and bright polished. It is a set of constant use. It is by far the most valuable we have offered and we guarantee to send this 26-Piece Table Set exactly as shown and described to any address upon receipt of the following special offer.

Given To You! For a club of five one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each, we will send you this 26-Piece Table Set free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 7625.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

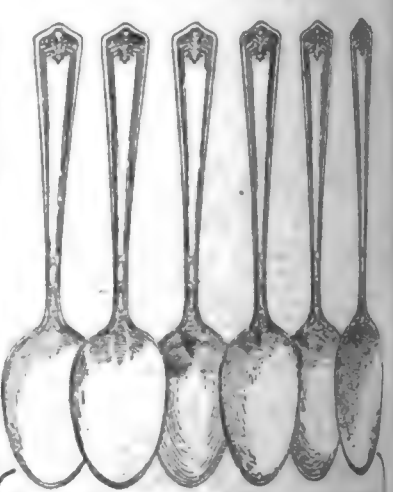
"Peggy" The New Winter Doll



PEGGY is the new winter doll. She is a little girl who lives on a farm. She is made of a soft, warm material and is dressed in a beautiful winter outfit. She is a very popular doll and is a great favorite with children. She is a perfect companion for a child and is a great source of amusement. She is a very beautiful doll and is a great addition to any child's collection.

Given To You! For one one-year subscription to COMFORT at 50c each we will send you "Peggy" free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 8621.

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Six Silver Teaspoons

The Ever Popular "Avon" Design. BY buying in large quantities we are enabled to offer our readers this handsome set of six silver teaspoons for the ridiculously small price mentioned below. They are six inches long, made of pure nickel-silver, so they will never tarnish or show through, and they will never have that dingy or tarnished appearance which after years of constant use. The design is the beautiful "Avon" deeply embossed on the handles.

The rich design and splendid wearing qualities of these teaspoons combine to make them the most attractive premium offered in years. Our illustration does not do them justice. They must be seen to be appreciated. We know they will exceed your highest expectations.

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each, we will send you these six fine Nickel-Silver Teaspoons free by parcel post, prepaid. Reward No. 9492.

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Gassy Stomach

Heating, Belching, Sour Risings, Heartburn, Pressure—Be Sure To Use Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Chew one or two after meals or any time and see how the stomach settles down. Feels fine, tops gas, acidity, sour risings, belching and such troubles due to indigestion. They neutralize the acids, give the stomach an alkaline effect and you need have no fear to eat whatever you like. Get a 60 cent box today of any druggist, to more drowsiness or heavy feeling after a hearty meal. And you get the benefit of your food in more solid flesh. Most people have a tendency to acid, gassy stomach just after eating or drinking coffee, etc. If a Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablet is chewed at this time it neutralizes the acids, your stomach is sweetened, the gas is prevented and you feel good all over. Try it. Remember you can get Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets anywhere in U. S. and Canada.

Watch, Chain and 2 Rings GIVEN

Handsome Guaranteed Watch, latest style, given you for selling only 12 boxes of our Famous **White CLOVERINE** at 25c per box, containing 50c. Large, beautiful picture free with each box. Thousands have won nice watches, cameras, silver sets, boys' bikes, aluminum sets, talking machines, dinner sets, etc. Our plan cannot and cannot be broken. We are reliable. Write today. **WILSON CHEMICAL CO., Dept. A101, Tyrone, Pa.**

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All this jewelry is yours for selling only 6 boxes of **ROSEBUD** at 25c each. Needed in every household. Order today. When sold return \$1.50 and all 6 pieces are yours. **U. S. SUPPLY CO., Dept. FE-7, Greenville, Pa.**

4 LACE CURTAINS

SELL ONLY 10 BOXES OF **ROSEBUD** at 25c each and we will send you 4 beautiful lace curtains absolutely **FREE**. **ROSEBUD** is a quick seller. Used for 20 years. Big catalogue of many fine premiums sent with goods. Our values are best. Order at once. **WE TRUST YOU.** **ROSEBUD PERFUME CO., Box 215, Woodbury, Md.**

FREE

LARGE CAMERA **FREE** Takes Picture 2 1/2 x 3 1/2. Genuine Kodak Film Pack, Eastman Camera. Hand-eye line. Makes large, clear pictures. Snap shots or time. Easy to operate. Free for selling 32 packs. **Big Picture** formed. Ironing Wax at 10c each. Sell on right. Send no money. Extra present if you order now. **Big Picture Book Free.** **Singo Co., Dept. 714, Washington, N.Y.**

GIVEN TO YOU FREE

This guaranteed Watch and many other valuable premiums. Given to you **FREE** for selling only 25 easy selling articles at 10c each. Order today. **WE TRUST YOU.** **KEYSTONE PRODUCTS CO., Dept. 182, 1840 N. Lincoln Ave, CHICAGO, ILL.**

VIOLIN

Fine full-sized **VIOLIN** and bow given according to plan in our catalogue. Send for 30 packs of **FLOWER** seeds, 10c large pack. Earn big money or premiums. Send no money. **WE TRUST YOU.** **AMERICAN SEED CO., Box Z-32, Lancaster, Pa.**

Opera or Field Glasses

These glasses are a real find, of course, as powerful as those sold at a high price, yet they will be found very satisfactory and extremely useful on many occasions. Although commonly known as opera glasses, they can also be used out of doors for identifying people, animals and objects within a reasonable distance. Farmers, motorists, Boy Scouts, hunters, fishermen, etc., will find these glasses to be just what they need to take with them on their trips through fields and woods. They are durably made and can be conveniently carried in the neat leatherette case which is included free.

These Glasses are made in Europe which accounts for the low price that makes this offer possible. They are yours free on the terms of the following special offer:

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to **COMFORT** at 50c each, we will send you these Opera or Field Glasses in a leatherette case, free by parcel post prepaid. **Reward No. 1232.** **Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.**

Ivory Boudoir Clock

Reward No. 7638

For A Club Of Eight

FOR sleeping-room, living-room or desk this white ivory clock is not only a beautiful ornament but a reliable timekeeper. It is 3 1/2 inches high, with a 3 1/4-inch base and pure white dial with large, easily-read figures. It is fitted with an American movement, fully guaranteed. The design is one of the latest styles that are now being shown in all the leading jewelry stores of the big cities.

We guarantee you will be pleased with this clock as well as surprised to learn that we can give such a splendid value in return for so few subscriptions. Buying in large quantities direct from the factory enables us to do it. We will give you this clock, exactly as described, free upon the terms of the following special offer:

Given To You! For eight one-year subscriptions to **COMFORT** at 50c each, we will send you this beautiful, white ivory clock free by parcel post, prepaid. **Reward No. 7638.** **Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.**

Comfort's Home Lawyer

Through the columns of this department subscribers may have free advice from our eminent legal adviser on all questions of law except divorce matters.

Address Home Lawyer, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. Sign your true name and give your address. Name will not be published.

A. S., Ohio.—If the wife of the man who holds title to the property you mention is of unsound mind, we think it will be necessary for the court to appoint some one to represent her interest in transferring the title of the property.

Mrs. C. T., Virginia.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that if, as you state, your husband was injured ten years ago, it would now be too late to bring a negligence action for damages for such injury.

Mrs. J. F. C., Louisiana.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that every marriage superinduces a right of partnership, or community of acquiescence and gains, if there be no stipulation to the contrary; the community consisting of the profits of all the effects administered by the husband, of the produce of the reciprocal industry and labor of both husband and wife, of property acquired during marriage by donations made to them jointly or by purchase in the name of either, and upon the death of either where the deceased spouse leaves issue of the marriage, and does not dispose by will of his or her share in the community, the survivor takes in usufruct the share of the deceased in the community property inherited by such issue, but that this usufruct ceases if the survivor enters into a second marriage. We think that if the property of the married couple you mention was community property that upon the death of the wife and the subsequent remarriage of the husband his right to the usufruct of her share of the community property terminated, and the same became the property of the deceased wife's children, unless otherwise disposed of by the will of the deceased wife; but that the husband can dispose of his share of the community property in such manner as he may see fit, subject only to the rights of his present wife, in case she survives him, and the rights of any minor child or children to their share and privileges from his estate.

R. Z., Washington.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married woman, leaving no will and leaving no child nor descendant, her separate estate, after payment of debts and expenses, would go one-half to the surviving husband, and one-half to her parents, brothers and sisters, depending upon who is left; if no issue, father, mother, brother or sister, the whole estate would go to the surviving husband.

Mrs. J. R. L., Oklahoma.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a married woman has no interest in her husband's property during his lifetime except that he must support her, unless she abandons him without good cause, and that in case she survives him he cannot, by will, bar her from inheriting a one-third interest in his estate in addition to her homestead rights, if any, and certain other small allowances.

Mrs. J. W. H., Colorado.—We do not think either men or women are entitled to vote until they become 21 years of age.

Mrs. D. M., Missouri.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving no child nor descendant, the widow would be entitled to receive all personal property which came to the husband in right of the marriage and also one-half of the real and personal estate of which the husband was owner at the time of his death, provided she makes the proper written election to take such property subject to the payment of her husband's debts; if decedent leaves no child, parent, brother, sister nor descendant of any of these, the surviving widow would take the whole estate.

Mrs. L. W., Wisconsin.—If your fence encroached upon the highway, and the highway was properly laid out, we think your local authorities had a legal right to remove the fence, but we do not think they had any legal right to do so if your fence was upon your own property.

Mrs. E. B., Indiana.—Under the laws of Missouri, we are of the opinion that if the present owners of the land you mention have been in possession of the same for over thirty years, you could not claim title thereto from even though their title was defective in the first instance.

L. S., Indiana.—If the note you mention was protested at the date of maturity, we think the endorser can be held for the payment thereof at any time thereafter in case the maker fails to pay same, but that he would in turn be entitled to collect from the maker of the note, and that, of course, he would be relieved from payment in case the statute of limitations was allowed to run against the note.

Mrs. F. C. C., Oklahoma.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving no child nor descendant, no parent, no brother nor sister, the whole estate, after payment of debts and expenses, would go to the surviving widow, but that her share in case he left any of the above specified heirs at law or next of kin would depend upon who is left, in no event being less than one-third.

F. E. H., Massachusetts.—We think the laws of your state require three witnesses to a will, all of which should be competent and disinterested persons but need not be lawyers or notaries; we think a lawyer should be employed in preparing a will as the law relating thereto is technical and for much depends upon the proper drawing and execution of a will to consider the small saving made by the testator's drawing his own will.

W. C., Ohio.—In addressing a letter to a judge you should use the title of Honorable.

Mrs. E. A. B., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that all property, real and personal, owned by either the husband or wife before marriage, and all acquired afterwards by gift, devise or descent and also the increase of all such, is the separate property of such husband or wife, and is subject to his or her management except that transfer by the wife must be joined in by the husband; all property acquired by the husband and wife during marriage, except in the manner heretofore enumerated, is considered common or community property, and during the marriage may be disposed of by the husband without the consent of the wife, and it is liable for the debts of the husband and for the debts of the wife contracted by her during coverture, for necessities; upon the death of either party, one-half of the common property goes to the survivor, and the remainder, in the absence of testamentary disposition, to the child or children of the deceased. We think the husband can be compelled to support his wife unless she abandons him without good cause, or unless she has separate property sufficient to provide for her support.

Mrs. J. C., New Jersey.—Under the laws of Maryland, we are of the opinion that marriage licenses are required, we do not think that it is necessary to have marriage witnesses from your own state.

J. H. H., Washington.—If you simply sold the timber from your property and the same has been cut and removed, we do not think it will be necessary for you to procure a quit claim deed from the purchaser of the timber.

T. B. B., Missouri.—We are unable to form an opinion as to whether the reference in the deed to you of the property you mention as to the note you mention would make a defect of your title to the property without an examination of the records and of the deed; we think you should have such an examination made by some local attorney.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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When well warmed rub through the fur with the hands. Repeat several times and then shake and brush furs thoroughly.

To remove iron rust from muslin or linen, wet with lemon juice and salt and expose to sun.

\$10,000 Worth of Syrup Pepsin Free

I will give away this amount of money in my own medicine —There is a free trial bottle waiting for every family that has a sufferer from constipation —Send today for your bottle

TO commemorate my 84th birthday I have set aside \$10,000 in cash to be expended entirely on free trial bottles of my Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which as people know has been successfully used for over 30 years and is today the largest selling family laxative in the world. In spite of that fact there must be literally thousands of families who have never tried it, and these are the ones I hope to reach with my \$10,000 offer.

I want to prove to them that my Syrup Pepsin is a better-acting, safer, finer laxative than any other they can obtain. But I don't want them to be at any expense in trying it, and hence I offer a test bottle free. Later on, when thoroughly convinced of its unusual merits they can buy a bottle of their druggist. Over 10 million bottles of Syrup Pepsin are now sold every year in drug stores, yet my company will not profit one cent when you buy your first bottle. It costs us more to sell the first one than we get for it. Our profit comes only when a family keeps it regularly in the house, as I expect yours will when you are once convinced.

Many unthinking parents are giving children strong cathartics; old people are taking salt waters and powders that make them dry and thirsty and which have to be repeated every day; women are using artificial coal-tar drugs in candy form that cause skin eruptions. Don't do it! See that only a plain vegetable laxative is used, not a druggist's physic. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a vegetable compound of Egyptian senna and pepsin with pleasant-tasting aromatics. Just that! The formula is on the package.

I want you to have a free trial bottle of Syrup Pepsin in your home. I want you to share in my \$10,000 offer. Yet

Dr. W. B. Caldwell, today
Born Shelbyville, Mo., March 27, 1839

I know if you delay answering you will be disappointed. Ask me now for the free trial bottle if anyone in your family has constipation, biliousness, flatulency, wind or gas on the stomach, sour colicky stomach, headache, loss of appetite and sleep, indigestion, intestinal poisoning, dyspepsia. Syrup Pepsin is intended for just such conditions. Watch it break up a fever or a cold!

Let me send you a trial bottle to prove these facts. My saying so won't prove it half as well as your trying it. Be one of the thousands who will use Syrup Pepsin free because of my 84th birthday. Send the coupon, or your address in any way most convenient to you. But do it quickly.

Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 553 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois
In commemoration of your 84th birthday, and as my family has never used your Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, send me a free trial bottle to the address below:

Name.....
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Town & State

ONLY ONE FREE TRIAL BOTTLE TO A FAMILY.

Requests

Song: "Pearl Bryan."—FRANCES GOUTERMAN, Olio, Kentucky.

Would like to have letters from the sisters.—Mrs. ORA LAWSON, Cheneyville, Ill.

Song: "Go to Sleep, My Dark Diana."—Mrs. J. F. GOLDBAMMER, Lincoln, R. R. 2, Ill.

I would like to correspond with sisters living in the West, and especially interested in hearing from anyone in Casper, Wyoming, or thereabouts.—Mrs. ROBERT P. TALLAFERRO, Hampton Bays, Long Island, R. R. 1, Box 170, N. Y.

Song: "The Dying Nun."—MISS VERA WALKER, Vilas, Colo.

How to remove spot from khaki wool overcoat. When pressing I scorched it a trifle and apparently I have bleached it with peroxide in trying to remove scorch.—Mrs. BESSIE MICHAEL, Chicago, 2438 So. Hamlin Ave., Ill.

Song: "You'll Never Know."—Mrs. LILLA RICHARDS, West Ripley, Maine.

Book: "Lilith."—MISS EULA LOOP, Mexico, R. R. 1, N. Y.

Mrs. Grace McCreary, Shellburg, Pa., wishes letters from the sisters.

Will someone send me pattern of quilt called "Star of Bethlehem."—Mrs. CHARLES B. BURKHOLDER, Covington, Va.

How to remove rust spots from steel top range.

The following wish back numbers of **COMFORT**. Please write before sending copy as only one is desired.

Mrs. Mary L. Wehling, Edwardsville Ill., Aug., 1922.

Mrs. G. G. Sater, New Meadows, Idaho, July, 1922.

Miss Elizabeth Benschkovsky, McTavish, Manitoba, Canada, June and July, 1922.

Mrs. Minnie Hancock, Haigler, Care Bar U Ranch, Neb., March, April, May, June and December, 1921.

Mrs. Clara Tillingshast, Camden, N. Y., July, 1922.

Mrs. Jessie Powell, Bainbridge, Ga., April and July, 1922.

Mrs. John Gusentl, Denver, 946 West 7th Ave., Colo., April, June, July and August, 1922.

Mrs. Anna Daigle, Pelby, Sask., Canada, Sept., 1921.

Remedies

CHILBLAINS.—(Requested.) When feet have been chilled or gotten very cold, bathe with cold water and keep away from fire until normal heat has been restored. Bathe frequently with cold water or with a strong decoction of white oak bark. Another remedy is a mixture of 75 grains of camphor, three drams alcohol and five drams of glycerin, mixed and applied several times daily.—O. G. L., Millinocket, Maine.

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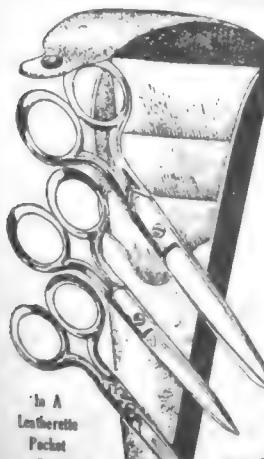
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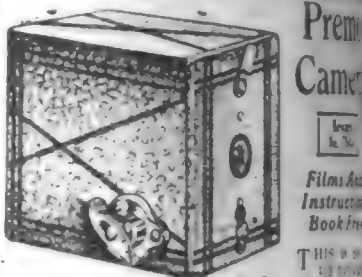
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Comfort's League of Cousins

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rooms are plentiful to gather experts, that places and times are many for lizards to lounge. The big open stretches of the West and Southwest and your own fine north country offer no breeding ground for these parasites to lead pallid lives. And as for the girls and "drug store complexions," these scenic-colored cheeks are most plentiful where drug stores are most numerous. The flapper flaps best where there is the best chance for her to try her wings. It is true, I'm sorry to say, that even rather small towns can sometimes show the young Theda Baras and the corner "specimens" you attack, but these foolish fadlings are few in number and their standard and model is one that cities have set. I would say, God help the youth of America, if all our boys and girls were living where such exhibits of wrongly-directed and spoilt young lives were fostered. But they are not, Inez. The youth of America is sound to the core, and smooth and red-cheeked men when developed in places where healthy growth is possible, and where homes offer the proper human soil for tender roots. It is the home that counts first, Inez. You know this, I'm sure, but I say it again. We are all products of heredity and environment—that is, of parentage and surroundings. Youth is a fine fruit whose bloom can only be kept by delicate handling. Bruises and specks can be formed but too easily. If homes do not give loving and careful nurture, youth suffers. Freshness and bloom are soiled and young lives begin to run along harmful and crooked grooves. Sometimes a chance for rot is started from the first bruises which might have been missed. Cities do not offer homes for most people; they only offer lodgings for a night. Abnormal lives must always be the result of abnormal living. We must love the best of our youth, not the "minority" you speak of, Inez, but a great big majority well worth loving—and look with regret and pity on those who have been let choose wrong ideals and useless unhappy ways.

MT. PLEASANT, R. R. 2, VIRGINIA.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

What I want to say is that I live in the oldest house in Kecksburg, my home town. So you see the town is no older than the house which was built in 1804. I am forty-seven years old and have always lived in the same house.

Kecksburg is a village. There are forty dwelling houses, two stores, one barber shop, a central telephone office, and four pretty girls.

Your nephew, JOHN H. GETTMY.

All right, John, we have your message and are glad to know you have the ancient honor of living in the oldest house in the metropolis of Kecksburg. You say you have dwelt there all of your forty-seven years, John, my boy; but suppose that you had lived there since the house was built in 1804? What a lot you would have seen and heard and how much you might have written us about instead of sending us such a short letter! Well, perhaps you are not so much to blame for the scarcity of news, for I fancy that not much can happen in Kecksburg in the narrow space of but forty-seven years. Still one can always pick up gossip about a barber shop—and you have one of these institutions. You do send us an important item in your listing of the "four pretty girls," but I fear for the accuracy of this count. It only allows one beautiful Kecksburg damsel for each ten "dwelling houses." John, it may be asking too much, but what sort of girls live in the other thirty-six houses? I want to know for the honor of the Old Dominion. You can't make me believe that pretty Virginia girls are as scarce as this. Living so long under the vintage of 1804 the same as the rafters. Just look around once more and send in another report.

League Shut-in and Mercy Work for February

"Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto Me."

Written references from doctor and postmaster must positively accompany all appeals from shut-ins. Every month brings to me many letters which disregard this simple and necessary rule. Appeals unaccompanied by the references required will be destroyed.

Amanda Murphy, Decaturville Tenn. An old lady of 88 years, unable to earn her own support. Help her last years. Mrs. E. J. Clayton, Alabama City, Ala. A friend of COMFORT for 20 years. Mrs. Clayton now must ask aid of other COMFORT friends—having reached an age and time when she can no longer support herself. Martha Grigg, Glen Allen, R. R. 1, Box 33, Pa. Crippled and bedridden, this poor woman asks help in the form of cash or clothes. A worthy case. Isaac Price, Lenoir, N. C. Helpless for 51 years from rheumatism, the appeal of this man and his aged wife is sad to read. A shower of dimes, a sprinkle of greenbacks, will make their lot easier to bear. Miss Lizzie Gormely, Buffalo, Ill. Weak and dependent upon charity for support, this suffering woman asks money to buy her food. Mrs. Agnes Freeman, Spencer, Va. Clothes or cash will aid this mother to struggle on. Give her the boost she needs. Mrs. Mollie Burris, Price, N. C. Crippled by rheumatism for 15 years, this woman sends an earnest letter asking aid through these cold months. Marie Bentz, Norfolk, 436 So. 4th St., Neb. A shut-in unable to walk, Miss Bentz would be grateful for crochet patterns to cheer her dull hours. No other aid is asked. Mrs. M. J. Cline, care of Mrs. Ralph Smith, Benton, R. R. 2, Pa. A widow who has found it impossible to support herself during the past year. Send her cash and cheer that she may 12 months may be brighter. Mrs. Sadie Williams, Huntingburg, Ind., sends words of earnest gratitude for the aid of COMFORT readers who have made her winter an easier and happier one.

This is midwinter, and it means then the height of pain, cold and shut-in hours to those whose names are listed this month of February. Do not weary of well doing now, when help is needed most of all and will be the most welcome. Give these suffering bodies and hearts a boost that will carry them through until spring brings brighter days.

Lovingly,

Uncle Lisha

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Wanted: To know the whereabouts of Elmer Ray Barlow, adopted from the State School of Ottowa, Minn., in the year of 1908. He is now 20 years of age and light complexioned. Notify his uncle at once, R. A. Barlow, Mankato, 722 W. Front St., Minn.

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